

Dear Pecan Plantation Members and Friends,

Once again, we at Pecan Plantation Fire and EMS are updating you on the status of Pecan Plantation Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Service, (EMS). We are also requesting your continued financial support.

Pecan Plantation Fire & EMS, Inc. is a non-profit (501C4) corporation comprised of Pecan Plantation residents who volunteer their time and services. The Service is governed by an elected Board of Directors. Each crew member volunteer is highly trained and certified to provide Fire/Rescue and EMS services. The organization receives no financial assistance from PPOA or PPOA Member dues. Hood County does not tax residents for emergency services like other metroplex cities and counties do. We are dependent upon your TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS for OUR SURVIVAL. Less than 45% of Pecan residents provide regular financial support. Annual operating costs, inclusive of debt for capital equipment, are \$300,000.00. Thousands of dollars and hours are spent on training in order to provide services by qualified people at a moments' notice. We are available to serve Pecan Residents 24 hours a day.

The PPVFD is equipped with an Engine, a Pumper Tanker, a Rescue Engine, and Brush Trucks, as well as First Response and Support and Command Vehicles. There are 28 members of the PPVFD on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. PPOA residents are benefited by low insurance rates in Hood County as a result of the assigned low ISO PUBLIC PROTECTION RATING of 5. The ISO Rating is a direct result of the equipment and training available at PPVFD. During 2004, PPVFD responded to more than 100 emergency calls.

Pecan Plantation EMS operates 3 MICU capable ambulances and has a crew of 16 certified volunteers (Paramedic, EMT-I, EMT-B, ECA) and 7 part-time paid Paramedics who help to assure 24 hour a day, 356 day a year emergency medical help and transport at a moment's notice. No other private community in Texas provides this level of local emergency service. Average response time is less than 5 minutes. All of this is available with NO OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS to YOU for this service. During 2004, the PPEMS responded to over 400 emergency calls.

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY for a MONTHLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION. This monthly contribution may be billed on your PPOA account, or if you prefer, you may remit a check payable to "PPVFD & EMS", placing it in the Pecan billing payment envelope. Our request is that you share your fire insurance premium savings with us, so that we may continue to provide and to improve our emergency services to you. IF YOU MAKE CURRENT MONTHLY DONATIONS, THANK YOU!

Name _____ PPOA Acct# _____

\$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ \$25 _____ OTHER _____ PER MONTH

ALSO/OR A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION FOR \$ _____ IS ENCLOSED