

Brian Lee

From: John Mccollum <mccollum1970@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 8:21 PM
To: Brian Lee
Subject: Re: Cookville Fire Department

We had 4 separate incidents in the last 2 days we had people at each one... except for a power line down that Nortex covered for us. This was because we had 3 lanes of traffic on 67 blocked by a downed tree. I made a call to stay with traffic control via the likelihood of loss of life was much greater.

Brian Friday is a busy day for me. Friday we the VFD have a pre planned appointment to help give safe passage to Carry the Load, we start at the Morris county line and will end at loop. This is a half a day event that has been planned for months. This doesn't mean we don't want to be there, just that other arrangement had already been preplanned.

I have no excuses for the lack of responders. We have a couple new members and a old member that is coming back on board. I feel in the months to come new life will be infused into CVFD and we'll be back at the top of our game. When there is a heightened awareness of activities or a scare of potential fires, seems like we have plenty and sometime to many responders. When the rain stops, and it will our community will perceive fear of loss.

If the county feels that defunding the Cookville is it's best choice, then do what you have to do. Texas A&M Forestry Service has a program that we send our information into, this program also give an average cost per run for VFD. Pay us per call at what TFS says it cost to run equipment and manpower.

I apologize in advance if we're perceive as a no show. That wasn't our intentions.

sincerely,

John Wesley McCollum

On Thu, May 16, 2019 at 9:24 AM Brian Lee <titusjudge@gmail.com> wrote:

Wesley, here is the report that Chief McRae provided that will be discussed in court next Friday.

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Thanks,