

# Contract Negotiations

When we started this journey of setting rules and regulations for how the Titus County VFD's handled the tax payers funding for our volunteer fire departments, there were many discussions. We understand being held accountable for funds received.

In fact we have presented plans for such an agreement on 2 occasions, the last attempt was 2015.

You request us to use the same forms when we submit our monthly reports for payment. This so the accountants can do their job a little easier. And we agree.

You request us to have these reports turned in in a timely manner, with penalties for late reports, knowing that most departments already adhere to this policy, and to this we agree.

You request that we submit a yearly Income/Expense report so you can see a snapshot of how we spend County funding. And depending on the findings of this report you may ask for additional information in the form of an audit to support the report. Again knowing that some of us already adhere to this policy, And to this we agree.

You request us to turn in a training report on what we trained on the previous month. This report to be given to the TITUS county Emergency Manager with a quarterly report produced to be shared with all Commissioner's, so you see who's training and on what topic. And to this we agree.

You request us to test and certify our equipment such as, engine pumps, hose, SCBA's, and fire extinguisher on on 1 and 2 year intervals and to this we agree.

The finale draft of this contract between Titus County and the VFD's is a document that most of us already adhere to on a daily weekly and monthly basis. We understand the need to break out numerous bullet points and spell out what is required of us, so any deficiencies can be corrected.

The problem lies in the fact that there are 7 VFD's in Titus County. How can you hold 6 to a binding document and not the 7th. Where is the fairness?

Also note that items such as cab and chassis replacement, hose fund replacement and Texas A& M training are missing from this document.

We ask that this agenda item be tabled until further discussions are held with the designated members of the contract committee.