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President, Board of Directors, TVFP
By Fred Arnold (Phone 719-371-1521)

Hello everyone,

Thank you to all that attended our annual meeting. We had a good time and a great meal.

Our annual budget was approved at the meeting. Due to rising costs and lower than normal projected income our budget is in the negative. We are cutting expenses as much as we are able to without sacrificing service to you. We want to provide you with the best possible service and your donations are critical in the operation of our department. Many of you have been faithful contributors and I thank you for your support. We are in the process of applying for grant monies to help pay for firefighting equipment and training, both of which are very expensive. Receiving grant monies, however, takes a lot of time, so we need your help.

Please remember, our firefighters are volunteering their time and risking their lives to help you in your time of need. Please donate.

Thanks again and until next time,

May God Bless

ANNUAL MEETING HELD

TVFP's 2010 Annual Meeting was held on April 17, 2010. The event kicked off with a wonderful BBQ lunch followed by delicious desserts donated by volunteers. After lunch, a business meeting was held. Founding members of TVFP and retiring Board member Orlan Lighty and his wife Betty were recognized. The budget for April 2010-March 2011 was approved, even though it shows TVFP operating at a deficit for the upcoming year. Assistant Chief Gordon Roetker gave the Fire Chief's report and discussed plans for the future direction of the organization.

As the meeting concluded, firefighter and Board member Jim Barton was presented with the President's Award in recognition of his of dedicated service to TVFP.



Jim Barton, President's Award recipient

ON THE FIRE LINE

This year so far we have had no fire call responses. This is good for cost containment and limits the wear and tear on our fleet. As our new budget year begins I am trying to manage our routine costs so that we will be able to address other needs as they come up. Most fire call responses average about \$200 for a 3 hour call. Any abnormal increase in responses will make our budget situation even worse. Hopefully we will have a low impact year again.

I mention this to you because it is imperative that donations continue to be made. Your support is the foundation of our abilities. I would like to thank all of you who have continued to support us. For those of you who haven't sent a donation yet, please do so, as it will make a big difference later in the year. I continually try to maintain a safe and trained staff of firefighters, but this costs money. We have made some requests for grants. Some have come through already and there are others that we hope will be approved. If we get these, they will give our budget a boost but they are not guaranteed.

I also would like to thank Orlan and Betty Lighty for their many years of being a part of the Tallahassee Fire organization. Orlan is retiring from us and will be greatly missed. Thank you!

Again, I would like to thank all of you for your support and interest in the betterment of the Tallahassee Volunteer Fire Protection organization. All of our equipment and stations are open to you for tours by appointment.

Respectfully,
Erik Johnson, Fire Chief

TVFP MEETINGS

The next meeting is a combined board and member meeting. Everyone in our service area is invited to attend. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, **May 8, 2010** at the Party Shack at the Skyline Razor Ridge Park (at the entrance to Skyline Drive, on Highway 50 two miles west of Cañon City).

Tallahassee Volunteer Fire Protection, Inc. Profit & Loss Statement March 2010

Income

Advertising Income		150.00
Contributions Income		
Donations 2010	980.00	
Total Contributions Income		980.00
Interest Income-Canon Natl.		52.60

Total Income		1,182.60
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Expense

Dues and Subscriptions		52.00
Miscellaneous Building Expenses		
Storage Expense/Shed	1,000.00	
Total Miscellaneous Building Expenses		1,000.00
Miscellaneous		244.68
Printing and Reproduction		582.69
Rent		50.00
Snow Removal		480.00
Telephone		
Answering Service	83.92	
Pager Expense	118.11	
Telephone - Other	29.39	
Total Telephone		230.42
Truck Maintenance		
E14	147.34	
E26	147.34	
E54	147.34	
Gasoline/Oil	411.98	
Total Truck Maintenance		854.01
Utilities		
Propane	513.05	
Total Utilities		513.05

Total Expense		4,006.85
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Net Income		-2,824.25
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For address updates,

- * send an e-mail to mailinglist@tallahasseevfd.com,
- * call Robin Nelson at 719-269-8942, or
- * send a note to TVFP, Attn: Secretary, 662 Wapiti Trail, Cañon City, CO 81212.

For a controlled burn or to report a fire, dial 719-275-3058.

For all other emergencies dial 911.