Sparta VFD dedicated to



Photo by David Tuma Twelve firefighters make up the Sparta Fire Department, which re-opened on Oct. 1.

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The Sparta Volunteer Fire Department located on 7041 Sparta Rd. in Belton, officially re-opened to better protect the community by responding to fire emergencies and EMS calls on Oct. 1st of this year.

Exactly 12 dedicated fire fighters work for the department.

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"It's been excellent," Chief David Kirk of the Sparta Fire Department said. "Financially we're doing great and everyone is doing an awesome job. We've got a real great group of people. Everything is just really going good so far."

The Sparta VFD already has events lined up for the next months. They will be hosting a Santa Pal operation this year for low income families. These families are welcome to visit the station to fill out an application for a Santa Pal children's gift at Christmas time. Anyone who wishes to donate money or toys in good condition can call (254) 721-6085 or (254) 760-3272.

They will also be asking for donations during their "Fill the Helmet" campaign. An official date has not been set,

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but if you see these fire fighters on the intersection of FM 439/ Sparta Rd. and at the Sparta Rd. / Water Works Rd. intersection, drop a few dollars in their helmet for their brave work.

An educational juniors pro-

gram is available for anyone interested in becoming a fire fighter for ages 16-18. The Sparta Fire Department is also currently looking for volunteers, if you are interested in any of these please call (254) 760-3272 or visit their website at www.spartavfd.com

If you have any fire emergencies always call 911.