

February 2026

# Dale VFD

Protecting the Dale Community since 1978  
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## Fundraiser is On!

Dale VFD will be hosting our BBQ and Auction Fundraiser at the Dale Community Center on Saturday, April 18, 2026. Please join us in celebrating our Volunteer Fire Department! BBQ plates will be sold with a silent and live auction! Learn more on our Facebook webpage!

If you would like to donate items for the silent or live auction please contact Chief Brian Barrington at 512-750-4302.

## Dale VFD Calls for 2025: 451 Calls

### Call Highlights

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wildland/Grass Fire: 28      | EMS Assist: 212           |
| Structure Fire: 9            | Lift Assist: 40           |
| Vehicle Accident/Fire: 38    | Burn Ban/Illegal Fire: 71 |
| Odor/Smoke Investigation: 10 | Trees Down: 1             |



## PAYPAL QR Code for Dale VFD

You can donate or pay your dues at PayPal. Please "Write a note" in PayPal to let us know if you are paying Dues this way. Otherwise, we will notate your transaction as a Donation.

## Don't Forget Your Dues!

The Dale Volunteer Fire Department has five funding sources: Your Dues, Donations, Grants, \$15,000 from Caldwell County to provide emergency services, and expenses billed to auto insurance companies for vehicle rescues. Your dues and donations are vital for station and vehicle upkeep, gas, insurance, postage, training and maintenance on equipment.

Our financial records are open by appointment or at every Business meeting (1st Monday of the Month at 7pm at the Dale VFD Fire Station).

## Outdoor Burning Do's and Don't's

### Do:

Before you burn your brush pile please check to make sure there is no Burn Ban. You can check for a Burn Ban by looking at the Caldwell County Website (<https://co.caldwell.tx.us>) - they normally have a moving ticker under the courthouse building. If you burn during a Burn Ban you are at risk of receiving a ticket and fine from the Caldwell County Sheriff's or Constable's office.

### Do:

Call the Caldwell County Sheriff Department Dispatch office at [512-398-6777](tel:512-398-6777) (Non-Emergency Number) before you start the burn. They will also tell you if we are in a Burn Ban or a Red Flag Warning (Dangerous Weather and No Burning Allowed).

### Do:

Have a water source (water hose or tank) nearby to help control your burn pile.

### Don't:

Don't burn trash, construction materials, or plastics. These items are considered trash and trash burning in Texas is regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (<https://tceq.texas.gov>). At no time may you burn tires or used oil filters.

### Red Flag Warnings:

These are Burn Bans due to Dangerous Weather.

### Grants

For 2025, Dale VFD was awarded a \$300,000 Vehicle Grant for a new water tender and a \$25,000 Fire and Rescue Equipment Grant from Texas A&M Forest Service. We look forward to receiving our new tender and equipment in late Spring or Early Summer in 2026.



### Volunteers Needed!

Dale VFD is looking for volunteers! Whether it's as a fire-fighter, first responder/EMS, or committee member/administrative help, we need you!

Please call, email us, stop by the station or attend one of our monthly business meetings if you want to help your community! We are 100% volunteer and are looking to add to our team! We do train.

### Dale VFD Contact Info

Mailing Address: PO Box 52, Dale, TX 78616

Station Address: 1414 FM1854, Dale, TX 78616

Business Meetings: 1st Monday of each Month at 7pm

Email: dalevfd@gmail.com

### Do you Facebook? Follow us!

<https://www.facebook.com/dalevfd/>

### Use this form to pay dues or make a donation

Return with payment to: Dale Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 52, Dale, TX 78616-0052

Membership dues: \*      \$15.00 (over 65)      \$30.00 (all others)      \* Cost is per household

Please consider an additional donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Dale VFD, PO Box 52, Dale, TX 78616-0052. See other side for PayPal dues and donation QR Code.

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