

July 28, 2026

The Honorable Judge Melton
Sabine County Judge
Hemphill, Texas 75948

Subject: Funding Request for Fire Prevention Week Educational Initiative

Dear Judge Melton,

On behalf of all Sabine County Volunteer Fire Departments, I respectfully request funding in the amount of **\$3,130.00** to support our annual Fire Prevention Week educational initiative. In previous years, this program has been funded through the **Child Safety Fund**, and we respectfully ask that it continue to be supported through that funding source.

This initiative is designed to educate children ages 4–10 throughout Sabine County about fire prevention and life safety. Each year, firefighters visit all three Sabine County school districts—Hemphill ISD, West Sabine ISD, and Brookeland ISD—bringing fire trucks and interactive demonstrations directly to the students. These visits have become a tradition that children eagerly anticipate and provide an engaging opportunity to teach potentially life-saving lessons.

Fire Prevention Week, held each October, is a critical opportunity to instill fire safety awareness at an early age. Studies have shown that young children are more likely to retain safety habits learned through interactive, hands-on experiences. This year's program will provide fire safety education to approximately **970** children across Sabine County.

Funding will be used to provide the following:

- **Educational Materials:** Age-appropriate activity books, coloring books, safety handouts, and take-home fire safety checklists.
- **Interactive Demonstrations:** Supplies, training props, and visual aids that help firefighters deliver memorable, hands-on fire safety presentations.

Your investment in this program is an investment in the safety and well-being of Sabine County's children. By helping fund Fire Prevention Week, you are enabling volunteer firefighters from across the county to provide valuable education that can help prevent fires, reduce injuries, and potentially save lives.

Thank you for your continued support of the volunteer fire departments and for your commitment to protecting the citizens of Sabine County. We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to continuing this important partnership.

Sincerely,

Kim Rhame
Secretary/Treasurer
Pineland Volunteer Fire Department

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Fire Prevention 2026 Request

From Rhame, Kimberly D <KIMBERLY.RHAME@GAPAC.COM>

Date Tue 7/28/2026 2:45 PM

To Cookie Cryer <cookie.cryer@co.sabine.tx.us>; Joseph Lane <joseph.lane@westsabineisd.net>

Cookie, Here is a breakdown of the county's fire prevention costs.
Any questions feel free to contact me.

Thanks ~Kim Rhame

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