



MICO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 44th Annual BBQ & Fundraiser

May 10th, 2008

11am - 4pm

Raffle will be held at 5:00pm

(Need not be present to win)



Spillway elevation - 1064.2 feet above MSL
Top of dam elevation - 1076.2 feet above MSL

Lake level: 1,059.43
April 2nd at 10am

Source: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/bx/nwis/uv/>, site #08179500

It's that time of year again, and this year's events are going to be better than ever! And who will be cooking up a fantastic BBQ for the Mico VFD? *Tino's!* With the help of all the super Mico volunteers, of course. Delicious brisket, chicken, potato salad and all the BBQ fixin's will be ready for you to enjoy (see serving times listed above). And don't forget - Sunday is Mother's Day, and she'll really appreciate a delicious plate of great BBQ while enjoying live music and the fellowship of community.

**Come on out and check out the festivities!
Bring your family and friends, and enjoy a beautiful day
at the Mico VFD Annual Barbeque!**



THE MOON SHINERS COME TO MICO!



Yes, folks, moonshining has a long history in the life of these four brothers and they're bringing their great musical talent to the Mico VFD Annual BBQ this year. They probably have a lot of stories for us, from Lightning Larry on down, but truth be told, they are now earning a living doing what they love best -- playing music. Today the Moon Shiners have given up the outlaw life and reside in Bandera, Texas playing music from all walks of life.

Come on out and enjoy the sounds, and the great BBQ!!
Visit them at <http://banderamoonshiners.com>



http://www.fmaalumni.org/qt/_firstcall.wav

KIDS' KORNER

Hey kids, how about some cool face painting fun? Or take a turn at the duck pond and try your skill at finding treasure. Maybe just some balloons for you? The ring toss game might land you the best score, and don't forget to take a break and have some great barbeque! It's all for you in a day at the Mico VFD BBQ!



RAFFLE TICKETS ENCLOSED

Please complete the enclosed raffle tickets and bring them to the BBQ. You may also mail them with your check or money order to MVFD, Box 6353, Mico 78056.

Raffle Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for SIX! Make as many copies as you need, or call for a large supply. (Wow!)

Please support the Mico VFD by purchasing raffle tickets, or by sending a donation. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Meet your Fire Fighters
Live Music - "The Moon Shiners"
Mico VFD's Annual Raffle
Silent Auction
BBQ by Tino's
Bake Sale - Fresh Desserts!
Horse Racing Game
Face Painting Fun
Duck Pond - Balloons
Great friends, good times!

Volunteers are needed - please call
Robin Schmidt at 830-612-3528.

Please donate items for the Mico VFD Silent Auction...

Is it in your garage? Your attic? Your storage area that you're paying for monthly? (Grin...) Take a look... see if you have an item - or items! - that would be of excellent quality and value, but that you no longer use or need. Some items that have sold well at past auctions include artwork, quilts, gift baskets, décor items, bakeware, tools, and specialty items. All quality items are welcome! (Electrical items must not be in need of repair.) Your donations are important to the Mico VFD.



Please mark your calendar now, and plan to attend the BBQ and Silent Auction on May 10th. Thank you in advance for your support of this important event. Let's make the 2008 Silent Auction a huge success for our firefighters!



For donated items, contact Cappi Phillips at 830-612-2877 to make arrangements for delivery. You may also bring your item(s) to our monthly business meeting on April 15th at 7:30pm. The Chairman for this year's BBQ Committee is Robin Schmidt (830-612-3528). See you at the BBQ!



Mico VFD has acquired this Brush Truck – the latest edition to a fleet that is in need of updating. Our volunteers in the Grant Committee are putting **a lot of effort** into making appeals to available Grantors for new firefighting vehicles. PLEASE consider helping the Mico VFD Grant Committee and Board with your ideas on how we can obtain new or quality used trucks for the varied terrain challenges of the Mico VFD Fire Service Area!

Mico VFD Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, ALL meetings & events are to be held at the MICO VFD Base Station, 7121 CR 271, Mico -- Email: MVFDNews@Yahoo.com

April 2008



!! BBQ Meeting April 24th @ 7:30pm !!
Call Robin Schmidt @ 830-612-3528
** Please join us **



BUSINESS MEETING
NOTE – Business Mtg has been moved
from April 8th to **APRIL 15th**, 7:30pm

Saturday, April 19th
FIREFIGHTER TRAINING
10:00am

May 2008

Thursday, May 1st
Auxiliary Meeting
7:30pm

Tuesday, May 6th
FIREFIGHTER TRAINING
7:30pm



**May 10th - MICO VFD
ANNUAL BBQ
and FUNDRAISER !!!**



(see details in this newsletter
and on the enclosed raffle tickets)



BUSINESS MEETING
May 13th, 7:30pm

Saturday, May 17th
FIREFIGHTER TRAINING
10:00am



Send your comments to MVFDNews@Yahoo.com

Welcome New Firefighters!

Say hello to our newest volunteers, and take a moment to chat with them at our Annual BBQ

Larry Azar 

Rob Denison 

Jerry Dyson 

Susan Dyson 

FROM THE Mico VFD FIRE CHIEF

Our fire department continues to grow in numbers, competence, and experience. We recently had five new recruits join the department and almost all of our firefighters that were certified at the FF1 level are going on to FF2 training in April and May. We have been getting excellent turnouts for calls with 9 or more firefighters responding – even in the middle of the night! Mico was the Incident Command department at the recent large fire in Laurel Canyon that burned more than 25 acres and threatened six houses. On scene were six fire departments (Mico, Castroville, Geronimo Village, Helotes, and Bexar County Pct. 7), Medina Valley EMS, and two Blackhawk helicopters from the Texas Air National Guard (TANG). Fortunately no homes were lost to this large fire. How close did it come? Plastic containers in the garage of one home melted from the heat of the fire that was only ten feet away and there were active flames in the back yards of at least two homes. Our sincerest thanks to those who helped during the crisis and especially to Governor Rick Perry for providing TANG air support to fire departments during this time of extreme fire danger in Texas.



The fire hazard has not been as severe in Texas as it is right now – ever. An unusually wet spring and summer last year increased the fuel loading tremendously by adding new dense undergrowth that is now tinderbox dry. Although Medina County recently lifted the burn ban, remember that even contained fires like barrel fires and BBQ pit fires can become hazardous if they are not conducted properly and continuously monitored. Both types require a metal mesh cover to prevent escape of burning embers. Also, please note that on “Red Flag” days, no fires AT ALL should be started outdoors. These are days with high wind conditions and very low relative humidity. Local newscasts always report Red Flag days during the Weather segment.

The wildland fire danger is the highest in Texas that it has ever been. There are definite steps you can take to fire proof your home. The most important one is to establish a fuel-free zone around your house of at least 30-feet in all directions. You should clear all underbrush and dense cedar trees in this area so that your home has a chance of surviving a wildland fire. Literature on this and other tips for making your home fire resistant are available from any Mico firefighter or at the fire house at 7121 CR 271. You can't burn right now, so what do you do with the cut brush? A chipper can be used to turn it into attractive mulch that you can use as ground cover or in your flower beds. If you don't want to invest in one yourself, you can rent one or use one of the brush services that will come to your home and mulch your brush pile for you.

A complete list of burning guidelines and requirements is available from any Mico firefighter or at the fire station during any meeting or training activity. As always, the Sheriff's office at 830-741-6150 or 6153 should be called to inquire about burn ban status and to report controlled burns.

!! NEXT BUSINESS MEETING – April 15th !!
(meeting was **MOVED** from April 8th due to the Medina County runoff vote to be held at the fire house)



EMAIL Communications and MicoVFD Online Information

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! Please take advantage of the email service to communicate your concerns to the MicoVFD Board and Membership at MVFDNews@Yahoo.com

NEWS FLASH! Take a moment to check out the website for Mico VFD at www.micovfd.org You will find meeting agendas, newsletters, an updated calendar, downloadable membership and donation forms, current news and info about Mico VFD and the Medina Lake area, burn info and tips – and lots more!



Do you have a *new neighbor*? Please share this newsletter with them, invite them to the BBQ Fundraiser, and let them know they can contact us at MVFDNews@Yahoo.com or send contact information to the address below. Take them some raffle tickets, too....

Thank you...see you at the BBQ on May 10th!

Mico VFD, 7121 CR 271

Mico, TX 78056

Fire Chief: 830-612-3911

Come join our team!