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Dear Neighbor,

We are a group of your neighbors who have been trained to help you in case of an emergency. The fire safety needs of our community are increasing daily – a growing population and uncertain weather conditions are key factors in this increase. We need your help today.

During the last calendar year we responded to 49 calls (as of 10-1-11):

30	Wildland Fires	3	Vehicle Fires
4	Structure Fires	3	Medical Assists
3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	Other

Our total annual operating expenses were approximately \$25,000 which averages out to \$500 per emergency response. We receive funds from the county for \$15,000. This allotment will not even cover expenses for all the Wildland and Structure Fires your Volunteer Fire Department handled for the past year. We rely exclusively upon your generous donations to make up the shortfall.

Our current membership consists of eighteen (18) Active firefighters, four (4) reserves and two (2) non-firefighter members. This is not near enough firefighters for our area. We need your help in the form of volunteers and money to keep up with the growing needs of your fire department to be able to protect your life, your property and your family.

It takes a very special person to be a volunteer firefighter, and these dedicated individuals need your help and support to safely fight your fires. Please help us keep your department in operation with your generous donation today. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Or, you can visit our new website, www.tcvfdkerrco.org, to make a donation.

Sincerely,

Wes Gordon, Chief

Eddie Doyle, Treasurer

P.S. To make locating your residence easier and faster during an emergency, please use 2" reflective letters on your mailbox/driveway. Also remove any old address numbers (pre-911).

**If you are not in the Turtle Creek Volunteer Fire Department area-
 Please support *your* local Volunteer Fire Department**



If you would prefer to designate your contribution to apply only for certain items, please designate your preference(s) below.

- _____
- General Funds**

If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, please fill out & return. (For donations of \$100 or more only, please.)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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PLEASE HELP



According to the Texas Forest Service, over the past quarter century there have been eighteen wildfires that each consumed more than 50,000 acres of Texas land. Twelve of those fires occurred in 2011.

This doesn't include the Bastrop County Complex Fire, which over the course of five weeks incinerated a relatively modest 34,000 acres but destroyed 1,649 homes. In terms of human habitation, it was the single most devastating wildfire in Texas history.

Without question, 2011 was a year like none we've ever experienced. Dried out by months of drought and blistering temperatures, the entire landscape has been reduced to little more than kindling, primed to explode into flames at the slightest instigation.

Wildfires are nothing new in Texas, but the rolling series of droughts that fueled these historic fires shows no sign of letting up. The La Niña pattern is expected to stave off rainfall in Texas for at least one more year.

Your Turtle Creek Volunteer Fire Department and other state and local fire fighting resources need your help.

Please help us keep Your Turtle Creek Volunteer Fire Department in operation with your generous donation today.

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