



Texas City Fire Department Great Year In Review 2025 Report



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- Fire Station 5 rendering completed
- Station 5 Location: FM 2004,
between Highway 3 and EFL





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Staffing Notables:

91% Staffed

Two retirements in the past 12 months:

- Chief David Zacherl
36 years of service
- Captain Wendel Wiley
20 years of service





EMS Collections:
\$2,787,861.06

Monthly Avg -
\$232,321.76

Net Collection Rate -
60.1%





Notable EMS Changes:

- ✓ IV warmers help prevent hypothermia in trauma and critical patients by ensuring fluids and blood products are delivered at a safe, body-compatible temperature — improving patient outcomes and reducing complications from cold fluid administration.
- ✓ New Advanced Airway – iGEL + replaced CombiTubeThe i-GEL, which provides a faster, more secure, and less traumatic airway compared to the CombiTube. It offers superior ventilation, easier insertion, and reduced complications, improving patient safety and airway management efficiency in the field.



Our staff spends an immense amount of time in enclosed spaces caring for seriously ill citizens.

Despite these challenges, we successfully reduced total sick leave usage from the previous year by approximately 10%.





Notable Awards:

Three Texas City Firefighters were named Houston Area 100 Club Firefighters of the Year — the first time in our department's history that our personnel have received this prestigious honor.



- Firefighter Jerry Henson
- Engineer Donald Mack
- Engineer Mathew Connell



- We established a public-private partnership with College of the Mainland to support the college's rapid expansion and help meet their immediate needs.
- We implemented a Donation Box Ordinance and successfully removed numerous unsightly and overfilled donation boxes throughout the city.
- We did a tremendous amount of work on assisting Planning and Engineering with developing and refining the Battery Storage Ordinance.





Texas City Fire Department Training Division



- **Became a certified TCFP Training Facility – first time in department history**
 - **Taught our first in-house Instructor I course**
- **Hosted Pasadena Chemical Emergency Response Teams for the first time**
 - **Generated over \$140,000 in Training Field rental revenue**
- **Vastly increased use of the training facilities by outside agencies and partners**



2025 Stats

- 10,451 Calls
- 391 Lift Assist
- 51 Child Births
- 38 Jellyfish Bites
- 22 Dog Bites
- 1 Bluebonnet Photo Shoot





14 Water Rescues

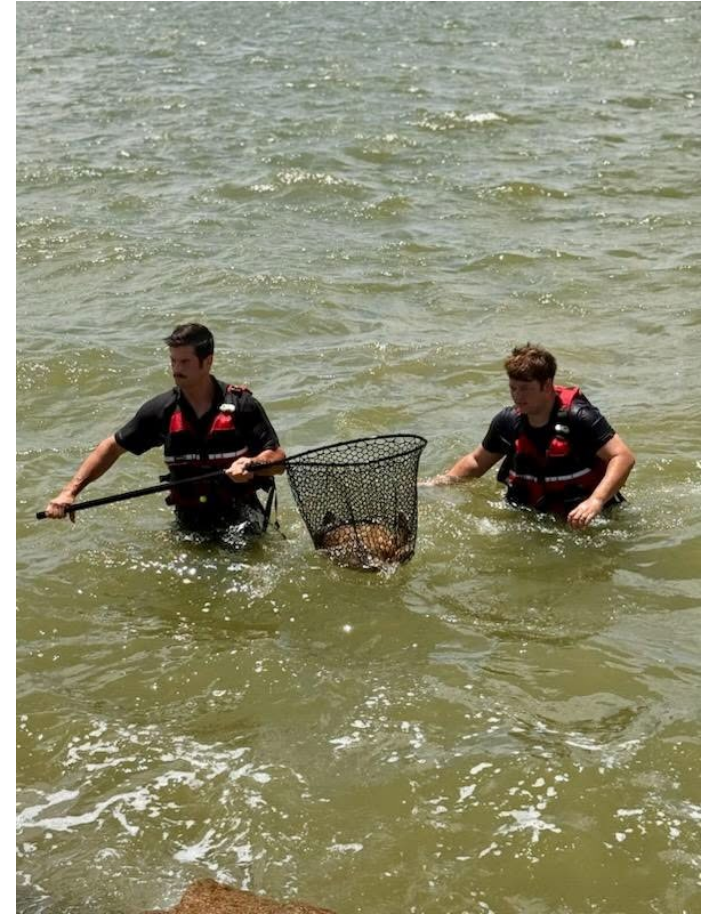


There were so many memorable calls in 2025, I decided a few were worth sharing in this report.



Sea Turtle Rescue

Our water rescue team found this little guy off the Dike — tangled in fishing line with a hook in his flipper and struggling to stay afloat. The crew entered the water, carefully removed the turtle, and handed him off to the sea turtle preservation group. The turtle reportedly made a full recovery.



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We received an outpouring of support following the Sea Turtle rescue, including several thank-you calls from Florida, and, yes, even one call from Canada!

From fires to
felines... and now
keys in trees!
We call it just
another day for Texas
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This poor citizen was in a hurry; while running to her car, she accidentally slung her keys into a nearby tree. Needless to say, we recovered the keys, but she ended up being late to her appointment.



An individual in Station 4's district attempted to remove his cat named "Nacho" from a drainage pipe. The trapped individual was freed, and Nacho was also rescued! Neither Nacho nor the citizen were injured. (Physically)





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