



## **Williamson County Hazardous Materials Team**

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To Whom It May Concern;

Prior to October 2008, Williamson County Hazardous Materials Team (Team) was controlled by the Williamson County Fire Chief's Association. Through this control the Team purchased and maintained 4 vehicles: 1) 2003 Wells Cargo Trailer, 2) 1995 F350 Retired Ambulance, 3) 1998 Wells Cargo Trailer, and 4) 2000 Wells Cargo Trailer. In October of 2008 the County has created a new department called the Williamson County Hazardous Material Division and therefore the responsibility of the cost to maintain this equipment.

The trailers have a variety of response equipment that is needed for a Hazardous Materials Response in the county. We have the trailers located strategically to have the ability to have a trailer on the scene in a timely manner, with the other trailers to follow and be able to support the initial response.

The 1995 Ambulance was donated to the Team after being retired from the county fleet to pull one of the trailers.

Why they need to be transferred back to the county as an asset? The trailers are continuing to be response trailers today. The 2000 Wells Cargo trailer will be replaced with a new Gooseneck trailer from the 2010 budget but will then be moved to the Technical Rescue Group to hold and transport the equipment that we have purchased in the 2009 Budget and plan to purchase in the 2010 budget. This equipment will be utilized to train all Emergency Service Responders within the County on how to deal with specialized technical rescue situations and will also be used for response if needed.

The 1995 Ambulance has been replaced by the new 2009 Dodge Truck but is still needed to provide the organization the ability to move large equipment around when needed such as drums and large boxes. We do not have anything to do this today unless we take one of the response trucks out of service. Today I have to borrow a truck to do this. I do not plan on spending very little money if any on the maintenance of this truck, if for some reason it needs major maintenance then we will take it out of service and auction it off.

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