

To: Members of the Taylor City Council  
From: Tim Mikeska, Chief, Taylor Fire District

Gentlemen,

I want to formally ask the City of Taylor to let the Volunteer Fire Department take over the Victoria Street Station. That facility has been a Fire Station for both the Volunteer and City Departments for over 50 years. We would like to continue that tradition. Currently the Taylor Volunteer Fire Department provides the Citizens of Taylor with 8 units in support of the Fire and Rescue Service.

Unit 284 - Diesel Brush Truck  
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Unit 287 - GMC Tanker-Pumper  
Unit 290 - American LaFrance Engine-Tanker  
Unit 288 - Diesel Pickup Support  
Unit 298 - Ford Type III Command Vehicle  
Dive Trailer - Support of Dive Rescue Operations  
Children's Safety House - Yearly educates over 1,500 area children in fire safety.

We now only owe a total of \$ 60,000 on all department vehicles We will soon be looking for new apparatus that can help the City of Taylor. We will ask Chief Stanford to analyze our current needs and to suggest what we should purchase next. Our debt will be paid off by next summer. Only 3 years ago, we owed over \$ 225,000. We also paid off our Case tractor and the Children's Safety House.

I am making an offer to split the maintenance and utility bills for the first two years and then the Volunteers would take over those bills on the third year. This "phase in period" would give us an idea of the expenses before deciding if we can handle the complete costs. We need to get the Fire Safety House indoors and the Command Vehicle indoors. It would also keep a "fire presence" in the neighborhood with some of our apparatus since the City will not have room to house all of these vehicles in the two stations.

I sincerely appreciate the City of Taylor considering this great opportunity.

Sincerely,

Tim Mikeska  
Chief, Taylor Fire District