

RECAP OF September 14, 2001 10:30 a.m. Press Conference

Bluebonnet Electric posted an updated estimation of the power restoration on their website, which can be found here: <https://www.bluebonnetelectric.coop/documents/RestorationMap9-14-11.pdf> (Already posted to FB and Twitter)

Judge's update: 11th day of the incident.

Emergency Management (Mike Fisher) - Two reentry phases were successful. Final re-entry will be tomorrow. The incident has made progress. 18 flare ups, already in black area. Crews and helos on scene and handled it quickly. Wind speed and direction, humidity is critical fire danger today. The LIPS principle was used to approach the incident: Life safety is key. Incident Stabilization-trying to stabilize the incident. Property preservation- try and save what you can. It has been several days since the last structure was lost. Social stability-start rebuilding. This has been successful. Event remains in planning and response mode.

Bluebonnet Electric (Mark Rose) - 21 outages, 2078 meters reporting out, 2260 meters are restored. The meters out do not match the number of homes, some homes may have more than one meter. Nearly 500 men and women are out working to fix the electric outages. Crews from all over the US are here. LA, NC, crews here. Crews leave tree trunks. Arborists have been brought in and they are going line by line to determine which trees can stay and which trees need to be cut down. Some trees have the potential to hit de-energized lines. Good progress is being made.

WCID (John Creamer) - Lift station 1 and 2 are back up and operational, Lift station 3 is not. Water still needs to be boiled. The water has not been tested yet. Do not make ice cubes, but bathing is okay. There will be an information meeting tomorrow at 6pm for status and plans for the future. Location of the meeting is at the water district office.

FEMA Update: FEMA 1876 registrations 1220 residents eligible for temporary assistance. FEMA Urges residents to register: 1602 Hill Street 9-7am Mon-Sat 1-5 Sun 1-800-621-3362

Statistics: Still 600 firefighters here in Bastrop.
Only one person missing at this time, Mr. Steve Ingram
Current containment of the Bastrop Fire = 70% as of last night.

Sheriff's update: 175 law enforcement officers currently working in the areas affected by fire. They will continue to maintain checkpoints and maintain credentialing.

Sunday afternoon two separate fires started and within 6-8 hours they burned together. First 911 call came from Charlois Drive. 290 near Scenic Farms was second 911 call. Another fire was in the Colony and Union Chapel. Officials are still investigating the cause of the fire. This is a difficult process due to the amount of destruction that took place.

The cause is still under investigation, the county, state and federal officials are currently working to determine the cause. ATF is here, working with Texas Forest Service, with the state fire marshal's office. TXDPS also has investigators available.

National Institute on Standards and Testing (NIST) was requested to do research and studies on materials that can be used to lessen the chances of wildfire.