

## Notes from 10/17/2015 10:30am Press Conference:

- **Judge Pape**
  - Discussed his theme for the day “Containment.” We now have an offensive advantage on the fire.
  - The fire is just under 4600 acres and 40% containment. Others are reporting the size and containment of the fire. The only information source should be that of the PIO of the event.
  - We have approximately 48 home-like structures destroyed. We are sending another team into the fire zone to confirm the addresses.
- **Sissy Jones (PIO)**
  - Reemphasized the website for information; [www.bastropcountytexas.gov](http://www.bastropcountytexas.gov)
- **Mike Fisher (Bastrop County OEM)**
  - Spoke about being confident about our current position.
  - There are no serious injuries to report.
  - Working to get a cost assessment done.
- **Steve Pollock (TFS)**
  - Spoke about the containment being 40%.
  - Confident that the line will hold.
  - Local, State and Federal resources are working together to put this fire out.
- **Mark Rose (Bluebonnet)**
  - Zone 2 has been reenergized.
  - Bluebonnet’s goals for Zone 3 are:
    - Damage Assessment
    - Making the area safe
    - Construction and Repair to the lines and removing the damaged trees.
- **Sheriff Pickering**
  - Reminded residents about the burn ban. The Sheriff’s Office has continued to issue burn ban violations.
- **Robert Tamble (City of Smithville)**
  - Provided information to displaced families of the fire.
  - Evacuees can register at the Smithville Rec Center during these times:
    - Today 8am – 8pm
    - Sunday 10/18/15 1pm – 6pm
    - Monday 10/19/15 8am – 8pm