

Notes from 10/18/2015 10:30am Press Conference

- **Judge Pape**
 - Emphasized that our priority is the safety of the workers and citizens alike.
 - Citizens should ensure they keep the ROW open for crews to come through.
 - Bastrop County has provided 2 roll-off dumpsters for residents to dispose of spoiled food only. The location are:
 - 71 & Cottle town
 - Antioch & Gotier Trace.
 - HEB has provided approximately 1500 meals per day to all workers.
 - The Shelter has 352 evacuees that have registered.
 - We are remaining cautiously optimistic.
 - If we can put out some hot spots we will be able to increase the containment.
- **Steve Pollock (TFS)**
 - Air Operations includes 4 SEATS, 1 Air Attack and 2 Blackhawks available.
 - The weather changes have created dryer conditions. The winds have changed, coming from the South or South East. The crews are prepared for this change.
 - A question from a viewer asked why the smoke has decreased. His explanation is that crews worked good last night and are working on hot spots today.
- **Sheriff Pickering**
 - Introduced the map titled Hidden Pines Fine: Level III Reentry Plan for 10/18/2015.
 - Explained that check points will be added at the entrance of the opened roads and at the end of these roads where the fire zone is.
 - Reminded residents to be smart about activities that may ignite a fire. We are still under a burn ban.