

Notes from 10/19/2015 5:00pm Public Meeting

- **Judge Pape**
 - The 3rd assessment of structures lost has been completed. 64 home-like structures lost. 2 home-like structures with minor damage. This list will not be made public just yet. Officials would like to make direct contact with the victims in advance.
 - The checkpoint at Old Antioch Road has been moved to 380 Old Antioch at 3pm today. The addresses of 380 – 500 Old Antioch are now open.
 - Carter Smith with TPWD has officially closed Buescher State Park and Park Road 1C east of Alum Creek. This means that Law Enforcement is able to deny access to this area. In special circumstances residents can get approval through LE at a checkpoint.
 - Lt. Governor Dan Patrick contacted the Judge to ensure our needs are being met.
 - The investigation for the cause of the fire is still not complete. Once done, that will be provided to the public.
 - Outdoor cleanup tools, such as, weed eaters and mowers can be used. Residents should make sure they are in good running condition and not causing sparks.
 - There will be a major announcement made tomorrow at the 10:30am Press Conference.
- **Mark Rose (Bluebonnet)**
 - The entire area was reenergized by 4pm today. Bluebonnet will continue to remove trees.
 - If residents find that their home does not have power they can contact Bluebonnet.
 - Thus far, Bluebonnet costs are estimated at \$2.7M as compared to \$29M in 2011.
- **Mark Morales (Blue Team)**
 - We are committed to the task of returning residents to their home.
 - Last night some night shift crews were transitioned to day shift crews. That will happen again tonight. This puts several resources on the mop-up stage.
 - Today was a critical weather day. Tomorrow will show improvements.
- **Kate Johnston (Bastrop County Long Term Recovery Team)**
 - A new center will be set up on Wednesday to process affected residents and volunteers. The location will be:
 - Old Sharp Propane Building
108 Main Street
Smithville
 - The center will provide things like, buckets, sifters, gloves, masks and shovels.
- **Robert Tamble (City of Smithville)**
 - Tomorrow will be the last day that the Smithville Rec Center will process evacuees and volunteers. That will be moving to the new location on Wednesday.
 - 445 Registered at the Shelter.
 - Mission Utoo has provided the meals for those at the shelter.
 - The Shelter will be open tomorrow 8am – 6pm.
- **Commissioner Beckett**
 - There were issues with 9-1-1 address that made the 3rd sweep more complicated.
- **Sheriff Pickering**
 - Following a question, he confirmed that the burn ban permits burning in a barrel as long as it contains all sparks and flames.