

# HFD

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of people. This drone has already been used during a search and rescue in Gibson County where an elderly man had wandered off. The drone's thermal camera picked up his heat signature and

allowed rescue workers to get to him quickly. There are three men in the department that have proper licenses to operate drones.

The Humboldt Fire Department answers approximately 20 calls per month but some months could be 30 to 40, Chief Owens

said. Not all calls are fire related. The department assists vehicle accidents, helps fallen victims get off the floor and installs smoke detectors in Humboldt citizens' homes. The department responds when people call when they smell smoke or gas.

Owens said most calls are not for structure fires. He accounts much of this to science and technology

with flame retardant materials on the market. Another plus with this technology is the time needed to knock down a fire. Owens said a few years ago, it typically took 15 minutes or longer to control a fire. With the new synthetics, that time is now around six minutes.

The Humboldt Fire Department is made up of a diverse group of men. Some have 20-plus years of experience, some range from five to 15 years and some are newbies with three or less years with the department. This wide range of experience for the seasoned veterans to the youth with stamina and agility, gives the Humboldt fire Department the manpower and means to fight any fire, big or small, and save property and lives. Humboldt is in good hands.



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