



MFD Station 2 opened this year

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Mustang Fire Department has been finishing up Station 2 over the last year, and it officially opened June 28.

"That was our grand opening," Mustang Fire Chief Craig Carruth said Friday, September 15, "and so that's been exciting for us. That's been really one of the big items that we've had, and one of the big expectations for not only our department, but our community and it's been really nice to finally have it open, and have some folks out there being able to deliver service. That's really one of the biggest things we've had going this year, besides day-to-day stuff, training, education, stuff like that, and obviously

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Mustang FD, thanks to its community, has had some interesting training sessions in the last year.

"We've had some donated homes and things of that nature that we've been able to go in and do some rescue training, ventilation training, aspects of that nature," the chief said. "We worked really well with the police department this year to do some active shooter training. That was kind of joint training with fire, police, EMS, and in the schools, so that went very, very well. I was able to do several days of training on that, and so that was one of the bigger items and the bigger goals that we had for us this summer. It worked out very, very well, and was quality training."

With the completion of a major infrastructure project like Station 2, Chief Carruth doesn't have any one big task to worry about as of now, beyond ensuring the safety of Mustang's residents.

The chief said, "We don't really have a big project right now that we're currently working on. It would be mainly just making sure we're ready for the next call for service that comes in."

The fire department works to find out what kind of calls are becoming more prevalent so that they can work with the community to mitigate those problems.

"There's nothing glaring as far as our statistics and the calls we run," Chief Carruth said. "Captain (Eric) Halter, our fire

marshal, he combs through that data and he looks at it and he works with putting programs together and sometimes it's just educational, to get out to the public, in regards to just a few items. When you look at our data right now, there's nothing, honestly, that's truly alarming that we're going, 'Okay well, this is trending. This is an area which right now we really need to focus on, bring some attention to.' As of right now, I'm not seeing that." Mustang FD has 24 operational firefighters, up from last year's total of 21. "That's been a good thing for our department," Carruth said. "The city was able to allow us to bring in three more folks, and that makes a huge

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