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WATER BILL DONATION INCREASE REQUEST

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DEPARTMENT DATA SHEET – 2025 / 2026

Current water bill donation per household:	\$3
Requested:	\$6

Number of Volunteers	28
Number of Paid Staff (part time)	1
Number of Fire apparatus:	7
Total number of calls 01-01 / 06-01 2024	101
Total number of calls 2024:	322
Average call response time 2024:	10min 4sec
Total number of calls 01-01 / 06-01 2025	214
Total number of calls Year to Date:	214
Total number of calls in BCESD 3 Year to Date:	214
Total number of calls out of BCESD 3 Year to Date	0
Average call response time 2025:	7min 1sec
Total call volume (YTD comparison):	↑ 89.3%
Average response time:	↓ 33%
Note: Iowa Colony has been named the 11th fastest growing city in the state of Texas which is higher than any other city in Brazoria County!	

Why are we asking for this increase?

Without the donation on the water bill, ICFVD would not be able to provide the level of service we currently provide to our citizens. While our primary funding source comes from tax revenue generated by BCESD3, the donations provided to us by the water bill allow us to keep up with the growth of our city and train our firefighters to the highest standard in the state. Some of the equipment purchased with donations include Motorola radios, rapid response vehicles, bunker gear and so much more! The accomplishments listed below are also all made possible by water bill donations!



2025 Accomplishments

ICFD Rookie School – This year, Iowa Colony Fire launched its first in house rookie school. 19 cadets (all ICFD volunteers) attended our 16-week training course which included all coursework and skills required to obtain their SFFMA FFII certification.

TCFP Regulated – ICFD Command staff saw the need for part time staff and voluntarily requested to become regulated by TCFP. ICFD is now the first and only department in BCESD 3 that is regulated by TCFP and allowed to employ firefighters. This was a monumental task that took countless hours to complete. This is a huge milestone for our department.

Volunteer to Career recruiting program – ICFD created a volunteer to career program for incoming volunteers. This allows them to choose a path for volunteer certification (SFFMA) or career certification (TCFP / EMT-B). This program (fully funded by donations) has been incredibly successful in achieving not only record recruitment, but record retention.

Stipend program – We are the only department we know of in the ESD that is running shifts with a volunteer stipend program. This has allowed us to reduce response times, increase personnel on scene and operate at a fraction of the cost of a full-time career model. This program has been crucial in retention and allowing us to meet the ever-growing demand for emergency response. (fully funded by donations)

Medical Rapid Response Unit - ICFD has purchased a new rapid response medical unit to allow us to first respond to medical calls without needing to run a fire engine. This will save wear and tear on the bigger trucks and allow us to respond faster to calls for service.

First Responder Program – ICFD has partnered with BC ESD3 EMS to launch our first responder program. ICFD now has 8 EMT-B members on our roster. A higher number than we have ever held. This program will allow ICFD to assist ESD3 EMS with patient care and assist when there is no ambulance available.

33% reduced response time – Due to our daytime shifts / volunteer stipend program, ICFD is now average 7-minute response time (from alarm to on scene). Making us among the top departments for response time in the district.