





## The doughnut that's getting eaten

-  ESD14
-  PROPOSED ANNEXATION
-  BALCONES PRESERVE (tax exempt)

### **ANNEX** *From Page 1*

May 11. Early voting in that election begins April 29.

“The irony is that the people in the annexation areas will vote on the ESD’s sales tax, but once they’re annexed, they’ll pay Cedar Park’s sales tax...without a vote,” said Fire Chief Walter Groman.

The district was already pinched. Revenues dropped 33 percent from 2012 to 2013, and the district had to dip into reserves for more than 20 percent of its budget.

Unlike many other Travis County ESDs, ESD14 can’t count on development to grow the tax base.

Some 55 percent of the ESD is within the tax-exempt Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, which will remain undeveloped. However, ESD14 is responsible for battling wildland fires in the Preserve when they occur.

As the 2011 Labor Day fires demonstrated, wildland fires move with astonishing speed, and Volente Fire Department is the first line of defense to prevent the spread of fire from the Preserve to the Village of Volente, Bella Vista, Twin Creeks, Deer Creek and other neighboring areas.



## ESD poised to respond quickly to medical calls

Along with fighting fires, the Volente Fire Department, funded by Travis County ESD No. 14, provides first response to medical emergencies in the district.

In fact, almost 70 percent of the calls the fire department answers are medical, often related to traffic accidents on highly traveled, commuter-frequented roads such as FM 2769 (Volente Road) and Bullick Hollow Road.

VFD firefighters provide the initial treatment while awaiting an ambulance.

That’s important, because the average time it takes an Austin-Travis County EMS ambulance to get to a destination in the ESD is 20-25 minutes.

“Minutes count in a medical emergency,” observed Fire Chief Walter Groman, “The chances of survival of a heart attack drop seven to ten percent every minute.”

Within four to six minutes, permanent brain damage can occur, and the patient can die.

*‘In an emergency, every minute counts.’*

*— Walter Groman  
Fire Chief*

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Volente Fire Department

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2008} And {12/31/2012}  
and Township In "1\_3 ", "1\_4 ", "VOV "

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
<b>1 Fire</b>				
100 Fire, Other	3	0.84%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	2	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
112 Fires in structure other than in a building	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
118 Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
130 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other	2	0.56%	\$8,000	99.68%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	2	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
141 Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	5	1.40%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	2	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
150 Outside rubbish fire, Other	3	0.84%	\$0	0.00%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
160 Special outside fire, Other	3	0.84%	\$25	0.31%
1641 Controlled Burn	4	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>31</b>	<b>8.70%</b>	<b>\$8,025</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b>				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	28	7.86%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	29	8.14%	\$0	0.00%
3112 Medical Call Cancel en route	8	2.24%	\$0	0.00%
320 Emergency medical service, other	2	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with	108	30.33%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	13	3.65%	\$0	0.00%
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	23	6.46%	\$0	0.00%
341 Search for person on land	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
361 Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	4	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
365 Watercraft rescue	2	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>218</b>	<b>61.23%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>				
400 Hazardous condition, Other	2	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	4	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%

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	15	4.21%	\$0	0.00%
<b>5 Service Call</b>				
500 Service Call, other	6	1.68%	\$0	0.00%
510 Person in distress, Other	3	0.84%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	5	1.40%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
550 Public service assistance, Other	4	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	3	0.84%	\$0	0.00%
561 Unauthorized burning	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>23</b>	<b>6.46%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>6 Good Intent Call</b>				
600 Good intent call, Other	9	2.52%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	17	4.77%	\$0	0.00%
6211 CAD Dispatch Error	2	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch	5	1.40%	\$0	0.00%
631 Authorized controlled burning	4	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	6	1.68%	\$0	0.00%
661 EMS call, party transported by non-fire	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
671 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	3	0.84%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>47</b>	<b>13.20%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	7	1.96%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	3	0.84%	\$0	0.00%
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	2	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	3	0.84%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>20</b>	<b>5.61%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>9 Special Incident Type</b>				
900 Special type of incident, Other	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
911 Citizen complaint	1	0.28%	\$0	0.00%

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	2	0.56%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 356

Total Est Loss: \$8,025