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## Down But Not Out, Mustangs Rally For 33-30 Win Over Dripping Springs

For those who made the trip over to Dripping Springs last Friday night, the game will be one they will remember for a long time. For those who missed it, the Mustang comeback was something very special. The Manor Mustangs were hanging on by a thread and on the verge of being on the wrong end of a huge blow-out before their comeback started.

In the end, it was L.D. Williams' 6 yard touchdown run with under a minute to play in the game that gave Manor a 33-30 victory, but there was a lot that took place before they reached that final minute.

The Mustangs got themselves into a big hole early in the game. Dripping Springs needed only three plays to take a quick 7-0 lead, and, after a Manor punt, the Tigers took only four plays to up their lead to 14-0 with 5:10 to play in the first quarter.

And it was about to get worse before it got better. On Manor's next series, the Tigers blocked a Mustang punt, bounding back into the Manor end zone. Three Tigers were unable to recover the ball for a

touchdown and somehow, a Mustang threw the ball forward out of the end zone, going out of bounds at the Manor 13 yard line.

Manor was called for an illegal forward pass in the end zone, which gave the Tigers a couple of choices. They could take the ball at the 13 or take a safety because the penalty occurred in the end zone. They took the safety for a 16-0 lead and Manor had to punt the ball right back to them.

The Tigers went right back to work and were very close to putting the final stake in the Mustangs. They reached the Manor 1 yard line, but on fourth and goal, the Mustang defense came up with the play of the game.

Tigers' quarterback Jeff Tuck kept the ball on a sneak, but found the interior of the Manor defense instead of the goal line. The goal line stand proved to be the game-saver.

The Mustangs took the ball and drove deep into Tiger territory, but did not score. Even though they didn't put any points on the board, the stop at the goal line gave the Mustangs, Page 8

## Manor.GovFresh Conference Begins Monday

NASA, Homeland Security among participants

The City of Manor's technology conference, Manor.GovFresh, will kick off next Monday morning at the Manor ISD Administration building at 8:00 a.m. with an impressive list of attendees and speakers.

Among the topics that will be discussed during the two-day event are Open Government, Citizen Engagement, Citizen Service, Web and Mobile Technology, Emergency Management, Social Media in Government, and Open Data. Confirmations have been received from participants representing a wide range of city, state, and federal agencies. Signed up as of Sunday were representatives from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Texas Attorney General's Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Commission on Environment Quality (TECQ), the Texas Legislative Budget Board, and the Texas Department of Information Resources.

Stanford University, Manor's partner in several projects, will be represented, as will the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Texas State University, the University of Texas and the University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs, Texas Christian Univer-

sity, and M.D. Anderson Library at the University of Houston.

Among the participating cities will be Manor; San Francisco, California; Geneva, Illinois; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Pflugerville; Austin; Hutto; Leander; Snyder; Kyle; Mansfield; South Padre Island; Killeen; Bellmead; Granite Shoals; and De Leon. Comanche Counties in both Texas and Oklahoma will have representation at the conference as will Allen County, Indiana.

Some of the sponsors and technology-oriented companies who will have representatives or participants at the meeting include: GovFresh, FirmStep, SeeClickFix, Spigit, Tyler Technologies, City Camp, Tele-Works, CiviGuard, GovLoop, Brownell Chalstrom Group, KGR LLC, Mesa Vida, Socrata, Inc., Crime Reports, OpenAustin, Code For America, Loblolly Consulting, Williams Technology Group, Strategic Government Resources, NewState Communications, and the Manor Education Foundation.

The sessions are open to governmental elected officials and the event sponsors. About 150 people from across the nation are expected to attend.



Emergency Services District #12 held a dedication ceremony last Saturday morning for their new addition and renovations to Station #1201. Pictured (L-R) are: Commissioner Giles Garmon, Commissioner Clem Zabalza, Captain Mike Sims, Lieutenant Brandon Krause, Commissioner Michael Gobert, Commissioner Jesse Arellano, Chief David Krause, Commissioner Ronnie Fowler, Firefighter Kyle Dorwart, Firefighter Eliberto Contreras, and Fire Specialist Ryan Smith.

## ESD #12 Dedicates New Facility

This past Saturday, September 11, 2010 was the perfect day for Emergency Services District #12 to dedicate their new facility at 405 W. Parsons Street in downtown Manor.

Manor Fire Chief David Krause said it best: "September 11, 2010 is indeed a proud day for all of us, and even though we celebrate the dedication of this station, it will still not replace what September 11th means to firefighters and emergency responders across the nation. Firefighting is an uncertain career, you never know what your next emergency will be, you never know what might happen at that call and you never know if you are going home at the end your shift. Nine years ago today, firefighters with the New York City Fire Department were coming to work to begin their shift just as our guys do every third day, a bright, sunny early September day without a cloud in the sky, most looking forward to a normal shift or as normal as any fire shift can be. None of these men and women had any clue that within a few hours into their routine our country would be under attack and they would be forced into a situation that most people could imagine in their wildest dreams. As the twin towers of the World Trade Center were turned into a raging inferno, those men and women did what they were trained to do and placed themselves in harm's way to rescue complete strangers. Three hundred forty-three of those firefighters, including the Chief of the FDNY and the Chaplain of FDNY, paid the ultimate sacrifice and laid down their lives that day, leaving behind their wives, children, and other family members so others could live. Three hundred forty-three men who would never return to fire stations much like this and to the job they loved so much."

Krause added, "It has been asked of me many times since 9/11 that if my firefighters were faced with the same situation as those firefighters were, would they react in the same manner? I can give you a resounding answer of yes, you see it doesn't matter if your work for the largest fire department in the nation as

FDNY is or one of the smallest departments, firefighters are cut from the same cloth and not one of these men would turn from danger to save themselves if they could save a life because that is what we do, day in and day out."

The dedication of the new facility and renovations to the existing building, which was built in 1994, was attended by many local dignitaries and community members.

On hand were ESD #12 Commissioners Jesse Arellano, Giles Garmon, Clem Zabalza, Ronnie Fowler, and Michael Gobert. Also on hand were a couple of past members of the board. Former Board President Carol Olewin and Board Member Nora Sanchez were in attendance. Olewin was instrumental in getting the ball rolling on the addition to the station.

Jesse Arellano, President of the ESD #12 Board, said, "It's humble to be here with real heroes. In all instances, they're there for us and each other. It's a big honor to be a part of this project."

Also attending the dedication were Mayor Joe Sanchez and Council Members Sharon Snowden, Stacia Forsythe, and Gil Burrell.

Travis County Director of Emergency Services Danny Hobby was also in attendance.

Chief Krause also recognized the building's architects and contractors for their work on the project.

The new facility was designed by K.A Hickman Architects and Interior Designs of Round Rock. Project Manager Heather Watkins said, "We are extremely proud of this job. We designed a facility that the firemen and commissioners wanted."

The addition and renovations were done by Voelker Construction. Ralph Reinhardt was on hand on behalf of the contractors. Reinhardt said, "A great deal of thanks goes out to Chief Krause, the firefighters, and Heather. We also need to thank the community for the opportunity to remodel and build this addition."

Chief Krause went on to say more about selecting September 11 for the dedication. He added, "When we first decided on September 11 as the day of our dedication, several of the



Fire Chief David Krause addresses those on hand for last Saturday's dedication of the ESD # 12 facility on W. Parsons.

guy asked me, Chief why September 11? This is a day of remembrance for us, a day to reflect on our fallen brothers and I had to really think about possibly changing the day because they are right, it is a day to remember just like everyday is for us. You can look at our trucks and see decals that pay tribute to those men, you can see reminders all around the station that will not let us forget the memory of those who have fallen and you can look at our patio area where we dedicated a portion of this station to one of our own, Cohnway Johnson, who died doing the job he loved. But although we share in the grief of losing these brothers, we come today to celebrate with them in the dedication of this station because this station is just as much theirs as it is ours, and I feel that each and everyone of those 343 men along with Cohnway are looking down at us right now with big smiles on their faces saying 'Good job guys, the station looks great and hey thanks for not forgetting about us. No problem guys, we will never forget.'

The station's new patio is dedicated to the memory of Cohnway.

Rather than cutting a traditional ribbon, Station 1201

came up with a unique way of officially opening the new facility. ESD #12 Commissioners joined Chief Krause and his staff behind two fire hoses that were connected in the middle. Rather than cutting a ribbon, Chief Krause disconnected the two hoses to symbolize the cutting of a ribbon.

Following the dedication, everyone was given a tour of the new facility and enjoyed cake and refreshments.

The new 2,400 square foot addition includes sleeping quarters with room for seven personnel, kitchen, day room, men's and women's restrooms and shower facilities, lockers, a study room, and a fully equipped weight room-workout room for fire department personnel to stay physically fit.

The kitchen has been removed from the old, existing living quarters/administration side on the west end of the building. This change will open up the training room area to accommodate more people, and it has undergone a facelift of new flooring, fresh paint, etc. to make the building more appealing to the public, as well as making some space available for the future addition of administrative staff as the district grows.