



# Hot Spots

Ringgold Area Volunteer  
Fire Company  
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**Dial 911**

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## 2004 in Review

Since 1962, the Ringgold Area Volunteer Fire Company has served the community through fire, wind, and flood. Whether it's 10am or 2am, the fire company is ready and able to respond to your crisis.

This year, the company responded to 80 calls for help. During 2004, personnel responded to 38 emergency medical assists with local ambulance services, 13 fire calls, 15 flooding and other public service calls, 10 vehicle accidents and 4 grass/brush fires. Volunteers have donated hundreds of hours in emergency service, training, and fund raising.

This year's fund raising efforts included two chicken bar-b-ques, two gun raffles, golf tournament, and the Fireman's Weekend.

Early in the year the company had to replace much of the of the facility's heating system resulting in a \$10,000 expenditure.

A grant of \$10, 600 was recieved in August from the state, earmarked for the replacement of 6 sets of fire helmets, coats, pants and boots.

Finances are a constant struggle, but thanks to unwavering support from the community, we continue to make progress in providing better protection for our population and properties.

Since 1972, our primary fire truck has been the Ford Pumper. It has responded to more than 300 fires and emergencies during its 32 years of service.

During the last year, the brakes failed while responding to a house fire. Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident, but the fire truck was out of service for about a week for repair.

If there had been a serious fire during the down time, precious minutes would have been lost while waiting for neighboring communities to send their units to the scene.

In light of this, the fire company has initiated a truck replacement project. More details are available on the next page. Won't you consider pledging your support to this community need today?

### This year's Fireman's Weekend



During the 2004 Fireman's Weekend, Smokin' Joe was the featured entertainment. Nim Neese (center below) was presented with this year's Special Volunteer Award for 2004. Nim has served as a past Assistant Fire Chief and most recently organizes the annual golf fund raiser and serves on the new fire truck committee!



Have you changed your smoke detector batteries lately? Batteries should be changed once a year...

**Do it today!**

## Rentals

Our facilities are available for rental. Call us for your next family reunion or get together. The 2005 rental fees are:

**Gym** - \$20/hour  
(Contact Bob Geis at 365-2133)

**Meeting Room** - \$60/day  
(with kitchen use)

OR

**Shelter** - \$50/day  
(Contact Harry or Shirley Caylor at 365-5979)



Child friendly playgrounds make our facilities one of the nicest in the area.