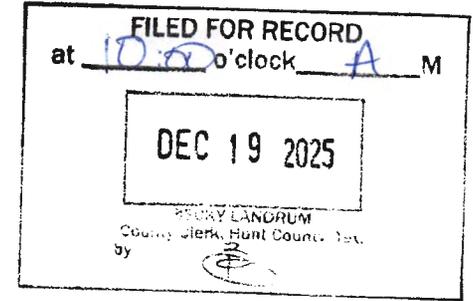


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Hunt County ESD Planning & Direction

2025/26 changes in Precinct 2 &3 VFD

Key Changes

- Caddo applying for ESD
- South Hunt County now the VFD serving City Quinlan
- South Hunt County applying for ESD
[NEW DEVELOPMENT that has triggered opportunities for the County](#)

Impacts

- Fire District Map
- Holes in future mapping
- New Radio Deployment
- Dispatching changes
- Budget Planning

Opportunities to Improve County Services & Costs

Opportunities to Expand/Improve Services

- Expand the South Hunt County ESD to include:
 - West Tawakoni
 - South Tawakoni
 - Current Quinlan Fire District
 - Possibly Hawk Cove (current Quinlan VFD contract)

Without the ESD these 4 areas most likely never will be able to grow/improve services



What the People of the County Gain

- Eliminate holes in the South of the County future VFD districts
- Improved Services, Equipment, Training, improve coordination between current fire districts, taxpayer insurance costs
- Provides Union Valley options to have their own ESD or be included in either the Caddo or South Hunt County ESD if desired
- With ESD approval reduces the number of VFD funded by the County - Five locations (*\$300k+ savings including Caddo*)
- **ACCOUNTABILITY**

South Hunt County Fire Services will distinctly improve in **SERVICE -SAFETY-COST** with this expanded ESD

Considerations

- South Hunt County Fire ESD planning needs to start in January
- New District Map has been submitted
- AMR is changing dispatching method to a truck numbering system
- County Deficit forecasted for 2025/26 budget years has created immediate reviews to identify overhead reductions. These are necessary to reduce future year deficits
- Quinlan has two VFD within one block of each other (\$60k budget redundancy)
- All VFD are being deployed new County radios. Will they all be needed with the ESD offering.

Total savings to the County from the short-term decision will be \$435,000/yr

Immediate Actions to move forward:

- Establish Fire District Map for the South Hunt County ESD footprint, applicable voter list and Property tax for budget estimates
 - Creates future budget reductions of >\$300k/yr
- Remove the Quinlan VFD from county funding due to redundancy (\$60k annually).
 - Include that area in the ESD footprint
 - Creates an immediate \$60/yr budget reduction
 - South Hunt County VFD must take service and support of the Quinlan district upon the termination of service. ***Should the ESD not pass a taxpayer vote they will continue to service the Quinlan footprint***
- All VFD are being deployed new County radios. Quinlan is slated to receive \$135k of equipment that can be maintained by the county for other uses.
 - 17 Portables \$80,000
 - 5 Mobiles \$45,000
 - Base station \$6,700
 - Install \$3,500

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Long Term Actions for Next Steps

Coordination Needs:

- ✓ West Tawakoni VFD
- ✓ South Tawakoni VFD
- ✓ South Hunt County VFD
 - Footprint to be used for their ESD submittal targeted in January
 - Acquire ESD planning timeline
- Hawk Cove
- City of Quinlan
- Quinlan VFD
- ✓ Hunt County Memorial Hospital
- AMR
- New District Map
- Timing for new/changes to Contracts

Motion for Consideration – to Improve Services and Reduce County Cost

Move to go forward with the termination of the Quinlan VFD contract in support of the proposed ESD plans. This motion includes stopping the deployment of County radios to the Quinlan VFD, and contract modifications as appropriate for support from South Hunt County Volunteer Fire Department.