

City shows support for fire department



Mayor Jimmy Thornton presented the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department a resolution of support signed by City Council on Tuesday, Jan. 13. From left are Emergency Service District 10 Director John Snook, Director Dwight Arnold, Mayor Thornton, MVFD Chief Gary Vincent and ESD 10 Chairman Bob Buschart.

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Magnolia Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem John Bramlett spoke out in support of the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department recently, citing what he said is unwarranted criticism.

“We have two people who are calling our citizens and telling them the fire department has problems,” he said.

Bramlett said he visited the MVFD and found the unsolicited calls are being made by a citizens’ group based in Conroe. He praised the fire department and its firefighters.

“These men and women go out at all hours and put their lives on the line for us,” he said. “I think they do a fine job and deserve our support.”

In response the Council approved a resolution of support for the MVFD.

“We believe the department, ran by ESD 10, operates in a professional manner and serves the public as an exemplary steward of funding,” Mayor Jimmy Thornton said. “We wanted to show our gratitude in this way for the men and women of the Magnolia fire department.”

Thornton presented the resolution to MVFD Chief Gary Vincent and the Emergency Service District 10 Board of Directors, Thursday, Jan. 15, at the central fire station located in Magnolia. ESD 10 administers tax revenues that fund the district, and MVFD is the district’s sole emergency service provider.

The phone calls Bramlett spoke about are voice messages that guide listeners to a web site where Pete Goedertz of Conroe is listed as a contact. Goedertz was part of a group reported by The Potpourri, “When do watchdogs go on the attack,” published Oct. 8, 2008.