

MVFD's Clown Troop Receives \$500.00 Grant!



Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department's public education group, better known as the "Magnolia LAFS Troop" was very honored to receive a \$500.00 grant for their clown and puppet program. This money will be used to enhance MVFD's LAFS program, with the goal of reaching as many people as possible with their life saving information both in and out of district. Up until now MVFD's LAFS Troop was funded solely from generous public donations, that have been used to purchase a much needed sound system, materials for props, puppets, costumes and essential training for the troop members.

MVFD's LAFS Troop is celebrating their third school year in Magnolia's elementary schools hosting dynamic, fun and informative school assemblies. Our clowns, fun characters and colorful puppets, combined with plenty of music, skits, and gags, are the perfect combination to relay our messages such as "Stop, Drop, Cover & Roll, Stay Low & Go, Stanger Danger, The difference between Tools & Toys, and knowing how to stay safe on the Internet." These and many more life saving topics are being presented annually to the Public School children in the community during the month of October, which is National Fire Prevention Month.

MVFD's Public Education Officer, Jodi Adams attended the 3rd Annual "Texas LAFS Conference" in Lewisville, Texas recently. While at the conference, attendees were given the opportunity to apply for this \$500.00 grant. The Texas LAFS group who awards these grants annually, is a non-profit group of Life and Fire Safety Educators with the following mission:

- To reduce through educational puppetry, clowning and characterization, the loss of life, property and injuries caused by fire and or other emergency situations.
- To provide a network for the exchange of ideas and resources for Life & Fire Safety educators.
- To promote educational resources among Life & Fire Safety educators and to coordinate and promote educational resources of life safety education for children of all ages.
- To respond to Life & Fire Safety educator's needs throughout the world by assisting them in all phases of Life And Fire Safety education.
- To submit and publish articles and research data regarding Life & Fire Safety issues and conduct seminars and workshops as necessary.

If you would like to support MVFD's LAFS Troop with a generous donation, please visit our website and click on "Donate Using Just Give" icon about halfway down on the left. Make sure you "designate" your donation to Magnolia LAFS Troop. If you would prefer to mail us a check, make it payable to Magnolia Volunteer Fire Dept, and say it's for the MVFD LAFs Troop at the bottom and mail to:

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