

Good People Doing Good Things For Others

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Sulphur Springs Professional Firefighters Association plans to increase their presence in the community through participation in and assistance with more community events and activities.

The 16-active members of SSPFA Local 3237 not only serve their community every third day during their duty shift as members of Sulphur Springs Fire Department. They want to do more, to give back in other ways to the community, too.

Some of the benefits Local 3237 has been involved with most recently include raising funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and breast cancer awareness efforts, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

SSPFA is also contributing to The Great Sulphur Springs Hunt, a March 22 scavenger hunt designed to raise funds for lifetime Sulphur Springs resident Joyce Nix, who was diagnosed in December 2013 with terminal liver cancer.

In order to further their involvement in the community, SSPFA Local 3237 has scheduled two activities to generate funds for future community service projects.

All are invited to stop by Sulphur Springs Fire Department Station 1, located just off Church Street on Bonner St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, March 7. Association members will be on hand to meet the community and to serve up chicken and beef stew, cheese, crackers and tea. Donations are appreciated as they go to the association to help the community. Pre-orders will be accepted until 10 a.m. Friday, March 7; delivery is available on all orders of 15 bowls or more by calling 903-440-4128.

SSPFA Local 3237's second endeavor offers people 52 chances, one each week, to win a gun. Raffle tickets will be available for \$100 each at the stew, from any on-duty association member at SSFD stations daily or on the association's Facebook page: "SulphurSpringsFirefighterAssociation".

Only 500 tickets will be sold for \$100 each, but each ticket enters the holder in each week's raffle, which will start as soon as all 500 tickets are sold. Notification of when the raffle will start will be posted on the Facebook page.

The weekly winners will be determined by the Pick 3 lotto numbers, posted every Monday at 6 p.m. Each ticket will have two sequences of three numbers from 000 to 999; winners will have all three numbers in the exact order on their ticket.

If the same three numbers are the Pick 3 winners more than once during the 52 weeks, that ticket-holder would be win again, too.

For instance, the Pick 3 number for Week 2 and Week 32 of the raffle is 312, that raffle ticket-holder would win on both weeks too, SSPFA Secretary Jay McKee explains. Winning notification is by email and phone.

Village Pawn and Gun, 203 Bill Bradford Road, is working with SSPFA on cost so Local 3237 can raffle a different gun each week for a year.

In order to purchase a raffle ticket and win the weekly gun raffle, one must be 18 years of age and able to pass a Federal Firearm License background check.