

# Little Elm Box 620 Support Co. 2020 Annual Report

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## From the President

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

2020 was a very strange year. The pandemic put many of our regular programs on hold and changed the rest. We added new COVID-19 protocols which allowed us to continue serving the fire department and other first responders when needed.

Amazingly, most of our original goals for 2020 were accomplished. We have new uniforms we needed. We have 2 new PR flags, a new canopy, and 9 new chairs.

I owe a hearty "Thank you" to Aaron Hulett and Jennifer Villalpando for creating our new website.

Financially, we are doing well. I would like to commend our Fundraising Department for their extraordinary work despite the cancellation of our regular raffle. Due to their dogged pursuit of funds from alternative sources we are over our original 2020 projected revenue.

I am not surprised that through all the challenges we have faced this year Box 620 is still very strong. The members of this organization exhibit a willingness to face difficulties head-on and have demonstrated out-of-the-box thinking when a more traditional solution will not work.

We have started down the path of combining the Little Elm Fire Department Auxiliary with Box 620. We hope to have this process completed early in 2021.

2021 will present new challenges and new opportunities and I appreciate the indomitable spirit of this amazing group, our tireless volunteers, and our steadfast sponsors. 2021 will be a great year.

On behalf of all of us at Box 620, thank you for helping us serve those who serve us all.

Yvonne Allen-Esakoff

**President**





## Mission Statement

Little Elm Box 620 Support Co. is a non-profit organization providing rehabilitation, safety and assistance to the Fire and Police Departments within Denton County. We will also respond to areas outside of Denton County through mutual aid as defined by agreements through the Little Elm Fire Department and the Denton County Sheriff's Office. Services include responding to department calls to provide rest, rehydration, nourishment, and vital signs monitoring to ensure that the physical and mental condition of all Emergency Personnel (Fire, Police, and First Responders) involved in an emergency operation (emergency incident, training, etc) does not deteriorate to the point of affecting their own safety or any other person's safety.



# About Box 620

Organized in 2002, we are a passionate group of volunteers working together **to serve the emergency personnel who serve us every day to help keep them safe.**

We respond with fire, police, and other public safety departments to fires and prolonged service situations to provide rehydration, rest, and nourishment. In addition, we provide misting fans, cooling towels, and special cooling chairs to help lower body temperature when facing extreme outdoor temperatures on top of the high-temperature fire. Combined with resting and hydration, hand/forearm immersion is an effective way for First Responders to lower the impact of stress on their health and safety.

Our members volunteer their time to **provide these services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.** We monitor and are dispatched by the Denton County Sheriff's Office. Our services can also be requested directly by any emergency or other public safety department.

In addition to emergency responses, Box 620 participates in events, such as Little Elm Fire Department Open House, Little Elm Christmas on the Beach, Rotary's Breakfast with Santa, and various health & safety programs. We are also a member of the Little Elm Chamber of Commerce.

**We rely on individual and corporate donations to exist.** All funds raised go directly to providing safety, rehabilitation and assistance to fire and police departments in and around Denton County.

## Board Members and Officers

### *Board members*

Yvonne Allen-Esakoff, *Chairman*

Jack Skinner

Dawn Caffey

Jennifer Villalpando

Stephen Dryden

Jeremy Wilson

Brandon Gerard

*Open position (non-member)*

Efren Olvera

### *Officers*

Yvonne Allen-Esakoff

*President*

Ron Trees

*Secretary*

Stephen Dryden

*Vice President - Operations*

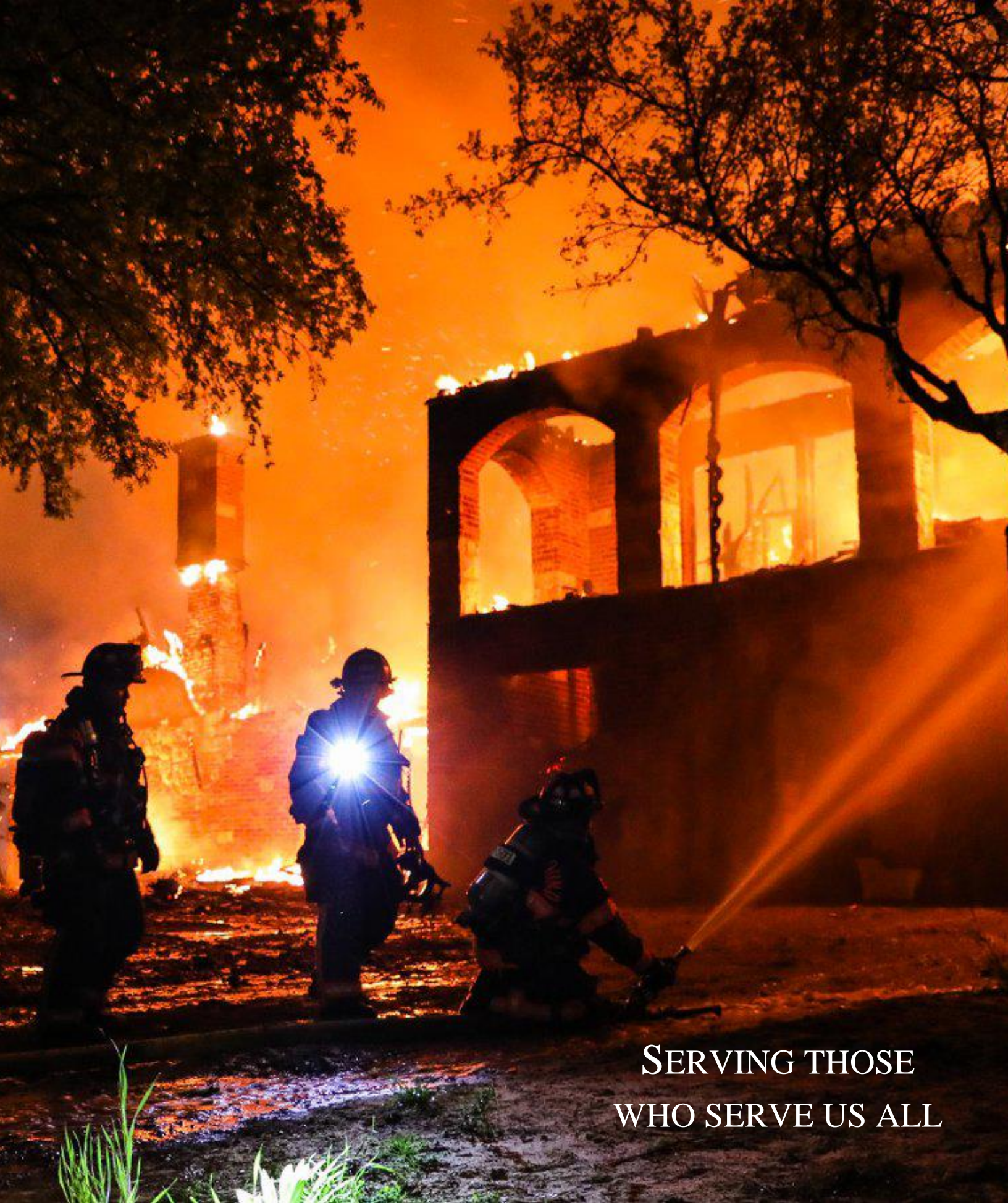
Brandon Gerard

*Treasurer*

Jennifer Villalpando

*Vice President – Administration*





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# Financial Report

This fiscal year, which ran from January 1 through December 31, 2020 we had a net income of \$4,021.27. We are extremely appreciative of all the support we have received which helps us serve those who serve us all.

Significant items we purchased in 2020 include a replacement canopy and nine folding chairs to provide a place for our first responders to rest and rehydrate, upgrades to our rehab vehicle including a liner for the floor to help reduce slipping, and replenishing our supply of sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts, and socks that we provide to firefighters or to those affected by fire needing clean clothes to wear.

We are able to prepare for and respond because of your ongoing support. Taking your unused items to Recycle 2 Support events helped us raise \$4,495.23 in 2020. Many stepped up to help us during North Texas Giving Day, which provided us \$3,108.15 to help with our services to local communities. Programs such as Amazon Smile and Kroger Community Rewards, which allow you to support us at no cost to you simply through your regular day-to-day purchases, provided us \$376.99 towards our rehab program. You can find out how to support us through these and other ways by going to our website at <https://www.box620.org/support-us/>.

Here is an overview of income and expenses during the year.

Expenses	
<b>Rehab</b>	
Rehab supplies	\$469.88
Rehab equipment	972.45
Uniforms	678.36
<b>Rehab vehicle</b>	
Vehicle fees	133.75
Maintenance & Repairs	745.16
Automobile insurance	1,012.44
Tolltags	40.00
<b>Operating</b>	
Working funds	150.00
Internet/website	60.22
Administrative	503.48
PO Box	92.00
Membership dues/fees	260.00
Promotional expenses	312.75
Fundraising expenses	542.13
Other expenses	126.10
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,098.72</b>

Income	
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$107.02</b>
<b>Events</b>	
Recycle 2 Support	4,495.23
Other events	509.44
<b>Giving programs</b>	
North Texas Giving Day	3,108.15
Dominium Management Services employee volunteer	1,125.00
Amazon Smile	213.13
Kroger Community Rewards	163.86
Other programs	22.01
<b>Other income</b>	
Disposal of assets	229.00
Refunds	147.15
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10,119.99</b>





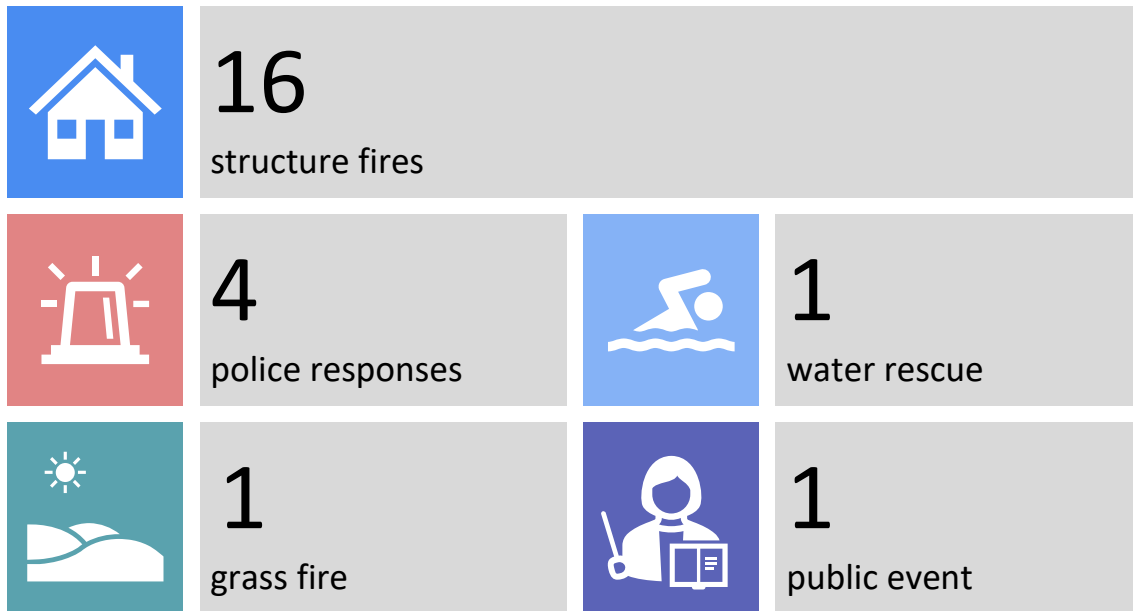
# 2020 Accomplishments

## Serving our local communities

While COVID-19 presented challenges, we were able to quickly adopt procedures that enabled us to continue assisting our area first responders and others in our local communities.

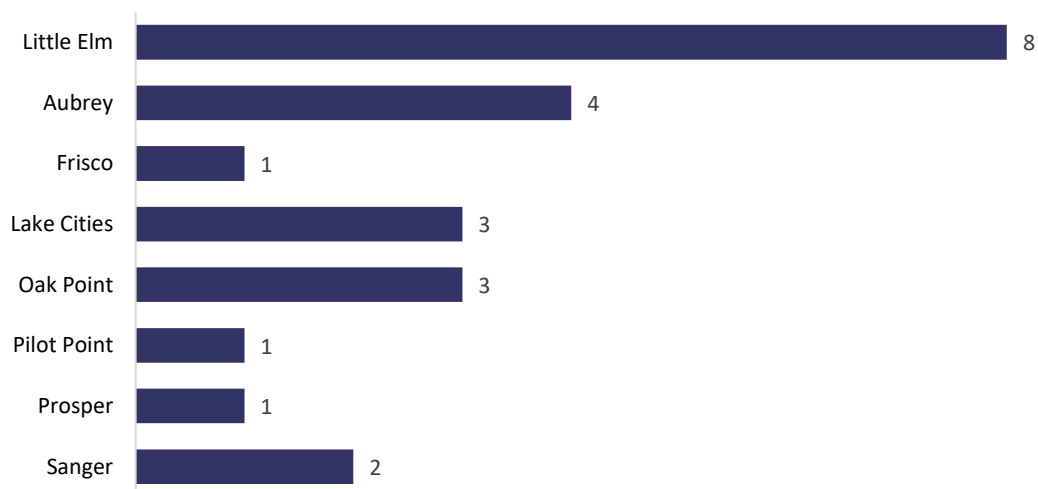
### *Response overview*

During 2020 we were active at 23 events:



### *Locations we served*

Our response area includes Little Elm and our surrounding local communities. During 2020 we served:







## *Some of our responses*

Our 2020 calls to respond include:

### Feb 5 Structure Fire

- Little Elm



### Feb 5 Structure Fire

- Sanger



### Apr 29 Structure Fire

- Little Elm



### Aug 26 Structure Fire

- Oak Point



### Sep 1 Police Standoff

- Prosper



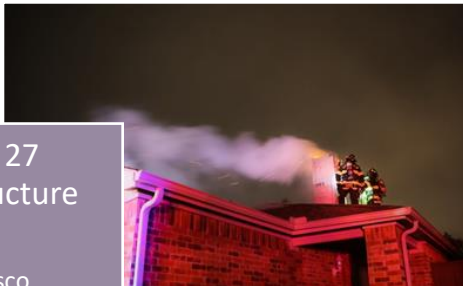
### Oct 2 Structure Fire

- Little Elm



### Oct 27 Structure Fire

- Frisco



### Nov 18 Structure Fire

- Little Elm







### *Services we provided*

We responded with fire, police, and other public safety departments to provide rehydration, rest, and nourishment. These key services help prevent serious and life-threatening conditions such as:

- Dehydration
- Heat stress
- Heat stroke
- Heart attacks

We accomplished this by providing snacks, water, electrolytes, resting locations, and more to our area first responders. When the Denton County Sheriff's Office dispatch center calls upon us, we are ready to serve 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



*At a structure fire in Oak Point on August 26, we helped our first responders rest and rehydrate to help keep them safe.*

On March 7 we attended Big Easy in Little Elm, an annual event hosting a 5K and 10K run, crawfish and other Cajun favorites, and live music. We enjoyed this opportunity to meet and share with you our passion to serve those who serve us all.

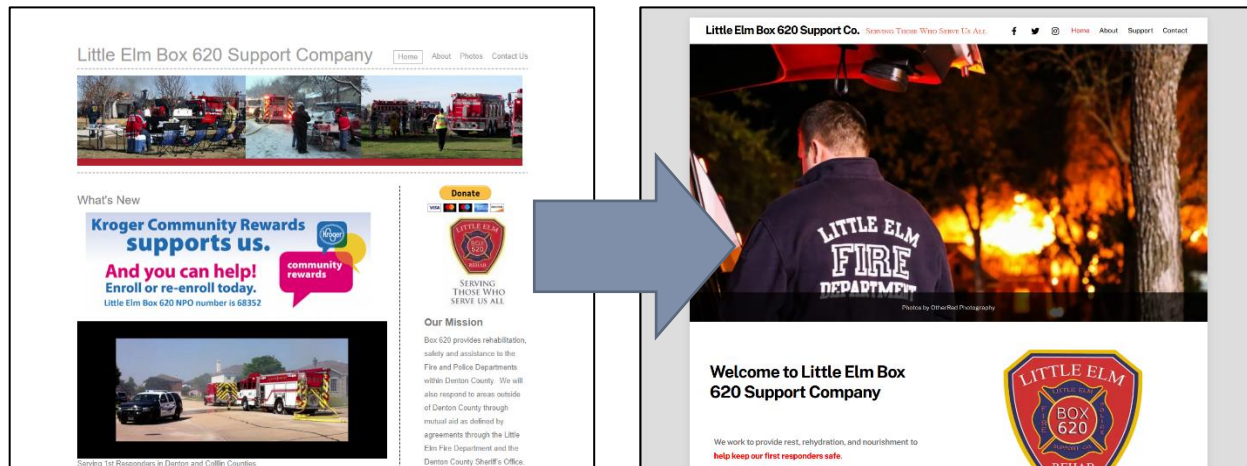
While this was the only public event we attended in 2020 due to COVID-19, we look forward to seeing you again once public events resume!





## Website redesign

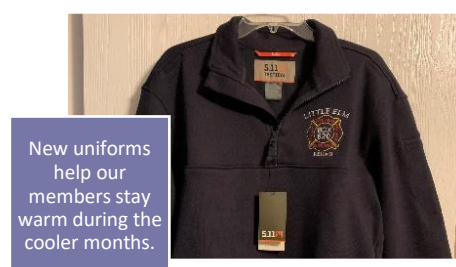
We set out to reimagine our website to highlight the emergency personnel that serve in our communities and make it easier for you to learn about our efforts. Our website serves as a hub for the latest information, including details about donation events through Recycle 2 Support and North Texas Giving Day, opportunities to meet with us at public events, and more. We are extremely excited to have this new and improved website available for you, and we invite you to visit [www.box620.org](http://www.box620.org) to check it out!



*The new [box620.org](http://box620.org) website highlights our area first responders and provides the latest information about upcoming events.*

## Uniforms and equipment

One of our goals was to purchase new equipment and uniforms to better serve our first responders. Thanks to your support, we were able to purchase critical supplies including new uniforms and nine folding chairs to replace aging equipment, along with clothing such as shirts, pants, and socks that we provide to those affected by fires. We also purchased a new canopy and two flags for our event booth.





A photograph of two firefighters in full gear standing at night. The firefighter on the right is holding a flashlight, and both are looking towards a fire burning in the background. The scene is dark, with the fire providing the primary light source, casting a warm glow on the firefighters' gear and the surrounding area. The text "SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US ALL" is overlaid in the upper right corner.

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# Looking Forward to 2021

2020 brought challenges, but it also brought numerous changes and improvements. We plan to continue building on this momentum in 2021 through these and other goals and objectives:



Updating our documentation and governing documents, including:

- Standard Operating Guidelines
- Mission Statement
- Bylaws



Creating a streamlined training program that helps new members understand how we assist at incidents, how the equipment we use works, the supplies we have available, and expectations when on call and responding.



Adding additional labeling to supplies and equipment:

- Reorganize how our equipment and supplies are stored.
- Label these areas to allow for easier access during incidents and restocking.



Continuing issuing Annual Reports to emphasize how your contributions enable us to serve those who serve us all.

We would not be able to continue our efforts without your ongoing support. Whether through North Texas Giving Day, Recycle 2 Support fundraisers, donations both online and at public events, support when shopping at Kroger or through Amazon Smile, volunteering your time, or spreading awareness about us to your friends and neighbors, you inspire us and enable us to **serve those who serve us all**, and we would not be able to do so without your ongoing generosity and support. When we are back at public events, we hope you will come visit us so that we may thank you in person for all your help.

From all of us at Box 620, **thank you**.

— Little Elm Box 620 Support Co.



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# Our Volunteers

We would not be able to serve our first responders and members of our local communities without the help of numerous volunteers dedicating their time, talent, and resources. Our sincere thanks for the lasting contributions you have made to providing this critical public service. We deeply appreciate you!

**Dawn Caffey**

*19 years of volunteer service*

**Kim Groff**

*15 years of volunteer service*

**Brandon Gerard**

*12 years of volunteer service*

**Yvonne Allen-Esakoff**

*11 years of volunteer service*

**Stephen Dryden**

*11 years of volunteer service*

**Steve Ferguson**

*9 years of volunteer service*

**Michael Esakoff**

*7 years of volunteer service*

**Jennifer Villalpando**

*7 years of volunteer service*

**Kevin Baldwin**

*6 years of volunteer service*

**Jack Skinner**

*6 years of volunteer service*

**Ron Trees**

*6 years of volunteer service*

**Javier Garcia**

*4 years of volunteer service*

**Rick Taylor**

*4 years of volunteer service*

**Claudia Fields**

*3 years of volunteer service*

**Todd Harris**

*3 years of volunteer service*

**Mac Sandoval**

*3 years of volunteer service*

**Jan Eaken**

*2 years of volunteer service*

**Ken Eaken**

*2 years of volunteer service*

**Eric Licker**

*2 years of volunteer service*

**Eric Lokke**

*2 years of volunteer service*

**Kaye Marbry**

*2 years of volunteer service*

**Byron Medina**

*2 years of volunteer service*

**Crystal Singh**

*2 years of volunteer service*

**Chelsea Skinner**

*First year of volunteer service*

**Aaron Hulett**

*First year of volunteer service*



A close-up photograph of a firefighter's face in profile on the left, looking towards a black dog on the right. The dog is wearing a black helmet with a clear visor. The firefighter's face is wet with sweat or water. The background is a blurred green field.

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## Our Sponsors

We would like to thank these sponsors for supporting us as we work to serve those who serve us all.



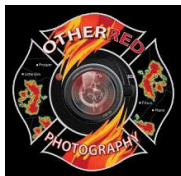
**CoServ**

<https://www.coserv.com/>



**Recycle 2 Support**

<https://www.r2sdfw.com/>



**OtherRed Photography**

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**Oversee My IT**

<https://www.overseemyit.com/>



**Credit Union of Texas**

<https://www.cutx.org/>



**Zipit Postal Center**

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**Kroger Community Rewards**

[Visit box620.org to learn how you can join!](https://box620.org)

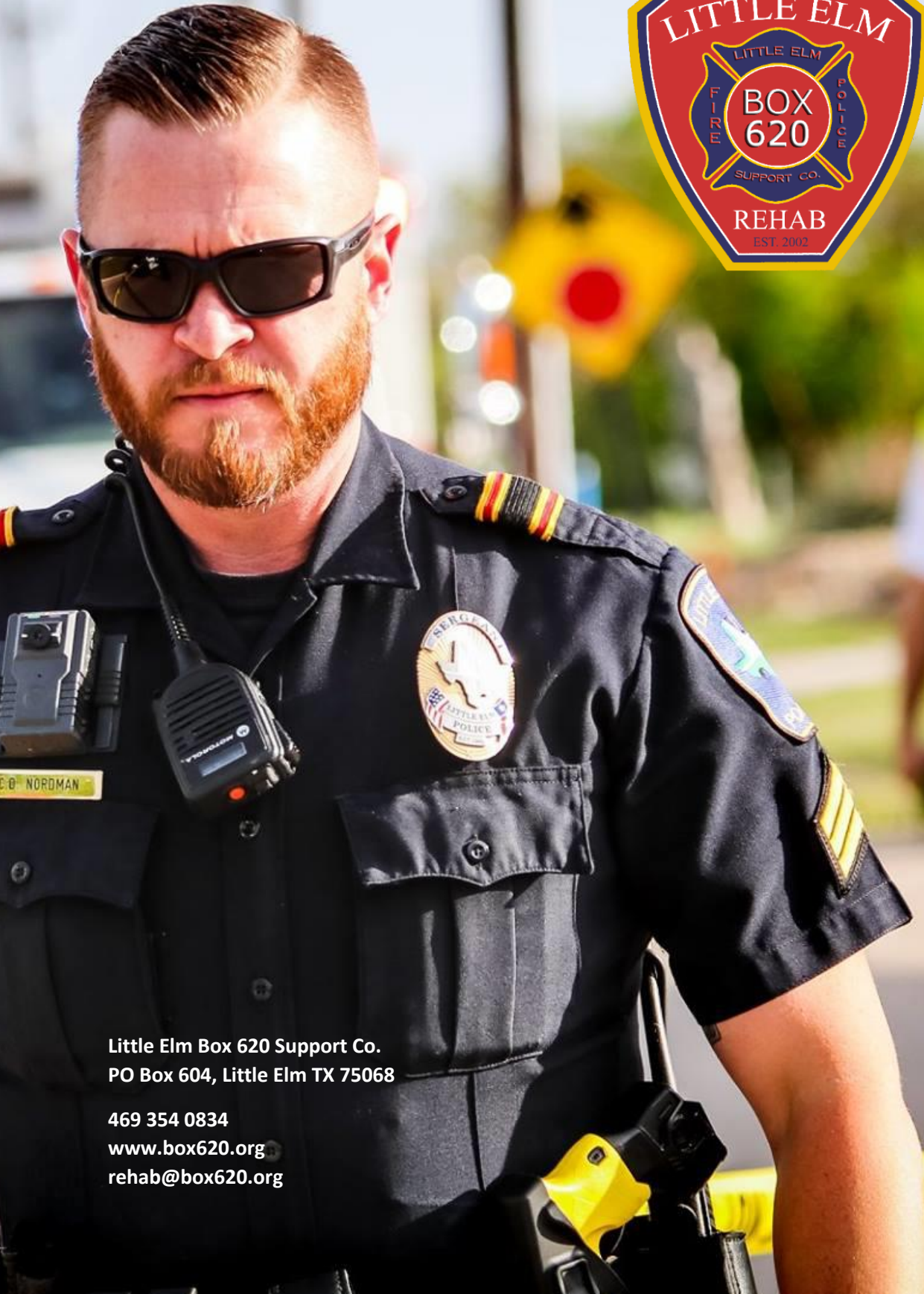


**Amazon Smile**

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