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**New Braunfels Fire Department Celebrates 130<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**New Braunfels, Texas** – The City of New Braunfels is hosting a celebration marking the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the New Braunfels Fire Department. This free event will take place on Thursday evening, July 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., at the New Braunfels Fire Museum and Fire Station One, at 189 Hill Avenue, in downtown New Braunfels.

The celebration will highlight the 130 years of the New Braunfels Fire Department and their contributions to the New Braunfels Community.

The New Braunfels Fire Department is one of the oldest Fire Departments in the State of Texas and provides services to almost 70,000 residents, including unincorporated Comal County ESD 7. Fire Station One is the oldest Fire Station and is adjacent to the New Braunfels Fire Museum. Tours of the museum will be so that attendees can see the historical fire apparatus, including the 1923 LaFrance Pumper, the 1950 Ford Pumper, and the 1886 Hose Cart.

The event will also feature live music, refreshments, games and activities, photo opportunities and a sneak peak of the New Braunfels Public Library's new RIOMobile bookmobile. Fire Chief Kenneth Jacks and the department's firefighters will be on hand to give tours and talk about the Department and equipment.

Chief Jacks and the department welcome the event. "We love to talk about our history and explain to the community the pride we have in what we do. We give lots of tours and love to show the community all the fire apparatus they have invested in."

The event was originally conceived by District 4 Councilmember Chris Monceballez. "I have been thinking about a summer event for our community. I thought the anniversary of the Fire Department presented a great opportunity to honor the department and bring some people downtown too," said Councilmember Monceballez. "I'm thankful for the assistance of City staff in taking this on and for our terrific sponsors. I hope this is the first year of many."

The festivities are sponsored by the New Braunfels Farmer's Market and 2Tarts Bakery.

For additional information about the event, contact the City's Downtown Development Coordinator 830-221-4057.

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