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## **Seguin Businessman Donates to Fire Department**

### ***Money Will Go Toward Antique Truck Restoration***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – Restoration efforts on three antique fire trucks will continue thanks to the generosity of a Seguin businessman. Doug Parker, owner of Parker’s City Pharmacy, presented Seguin Fire Chief Dale Skinner with a \$500 donation Monday.

“We certainly appreciate the Parkers and their very generous donation toward the cause,” Chief Skinner said. Hopefully this donation will jumpstart others into helping restore the history of the Seguin Fire Department.”

Parker’s donation will specifically be used to replace tires on the city’s 1922 pumper truck, the truck often seen in city parades. The city also owns two other antique trucks. One is a 1916 pumper and the other is a modified 1905 ladder truck. The ladder truck was originally horse-drawn but is modified with a 1912 Wichita Tractor. Only the 1922 truck currently runs.

“Parker’s City Pharmacy goes back to 1907, so history is a part of us,” Doug Parker said. “These relics were guarding Parker’s City Pharmacy way back when. We think this is important. We’re glad to help.”

Parker says he hopes his donation will prompt other businesses and citizens to donate toward the cause of restoring the antiques. Those interested in donating can contact the Seguin Fire Department at (830) 401-2310.



Seguin Fire Chief Dale Skinner is presented with a \$500 donation from Parker's City Pharmacy. Pictured from top to bottom, left to right: Seguin Fire Chief Dale Skinner, Parker's City Pharmacy owner Doug Parker and his son, Zack Parker.

### **About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located off on Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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SEGUIN — City officials have described Seguin’s Fall Clean Up Day on Oct. 19 as “a great success.”

City Engineer Joe Ramos said materials that were recycled included more than 2.15 tons of metal, 902 tires and 4,800 pounds of shredded paper. In addition, more than 20,000 pounds of unwanted items were removed from the city during the event.

“The city of Seguin would like to express its sincere thanks to its residents for helping to keep Seguin clean,” said a news release from City Hall. “Special thanks also goes to the city employees and their families who volunteered their time on Saturday morning and worked so hard at Clean Up Day.”

Three vendors provided services during Clean Up Day.

Shred-It provided free paper shredding with their mobile shredder, and Earth Energy Tire Recycling provided free tire disposal service.

“The city would like to also commend the employees from Progressive (Waste Solutions) for their hard work and dedication in making Clean Up Day a success,” said Ruben Perez, the city’s director of public works. “A special thanks to Donnie Brzozowski, operations supervisor, for his role in coordinating the Progressive trucks to make sure they were on hand to handle the loads.”

City employees who volunteered for Clean Up Day included Gerald Bodin, Wade Bolton, Gilbert Cevallos, Rick Cortes, Councilmen Castellon, Doug Faseler, Susana Finnell, Todd Finnell, Rene Garcia, Joe Garcia, Chris Gonzales, Allison Geisinger, Jessie Guzman, Jessie Hernandez, Jimmy Herrera, Bobby Hyatt, Yolanda Iglesias, Tim Martin, Helena Perez, Ruben Perez, James Phillips, Rene Porras, Joe Ramos, Tommy Schriewer, Melody Smith, Clarence Smith, David Tuch and Juan Villarreal.