

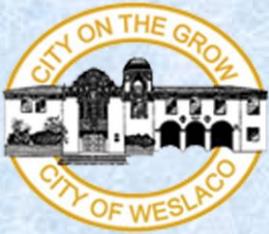
# Weslaco Fire Department

City Commission Report

March 5, 2013



**Weslaco Fire Chief  
Santiago “Jimmy” Cuellar**

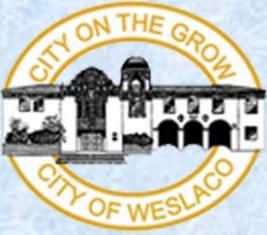


# Grants



The Fire Department has obtained one new brush fire truck through grant funds. The Texas Forest Service granted us a new Ford F550, worth \$109,000.00, loaded with equipment for fighting fires in the rural areas of our jurisdiction.

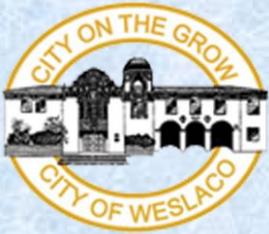
Hidalgo County Precinct 1 provided a “skid” unit, valued at about \$25,000.00, with which we outfitted an old army surplus deuce and a half truck for all-terrain brush fires.



# Skid Unit



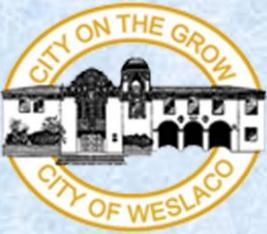
800 Gallon Tank



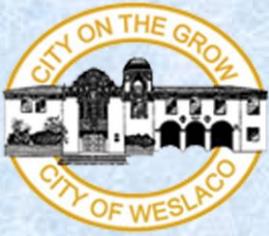
# TIFMAS Type 6 Engine



400 Gallon Tank

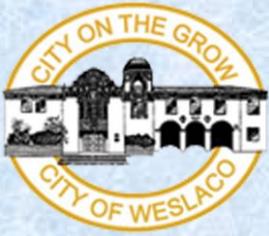


Additionally, the Texas Forest Service has provided \$3,060.00 in funding for training. We are sending six firefighters to wild land fire training at Texas A&M. The Forest Service has also given us a reimbursement grant in the amount of \$760.00 to cover tuition for four officers to attend the annual Fire and Arson Investigators Conference in Austin.



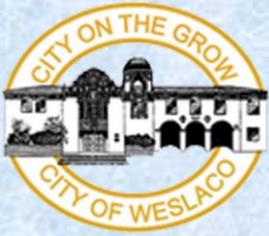
# Training Between Emergency Calls





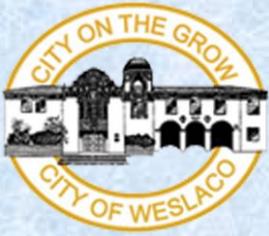
# Air Pack Confidence Drill



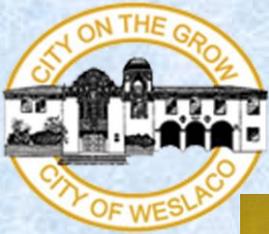


# Elevator Training John Knox Village

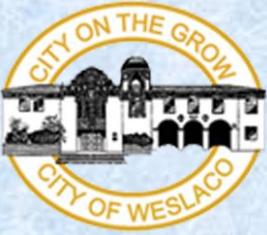




# Community Fire Safety Presentations



Firefighters Read to Headstart Kids



# Upgraded/Updated Technology

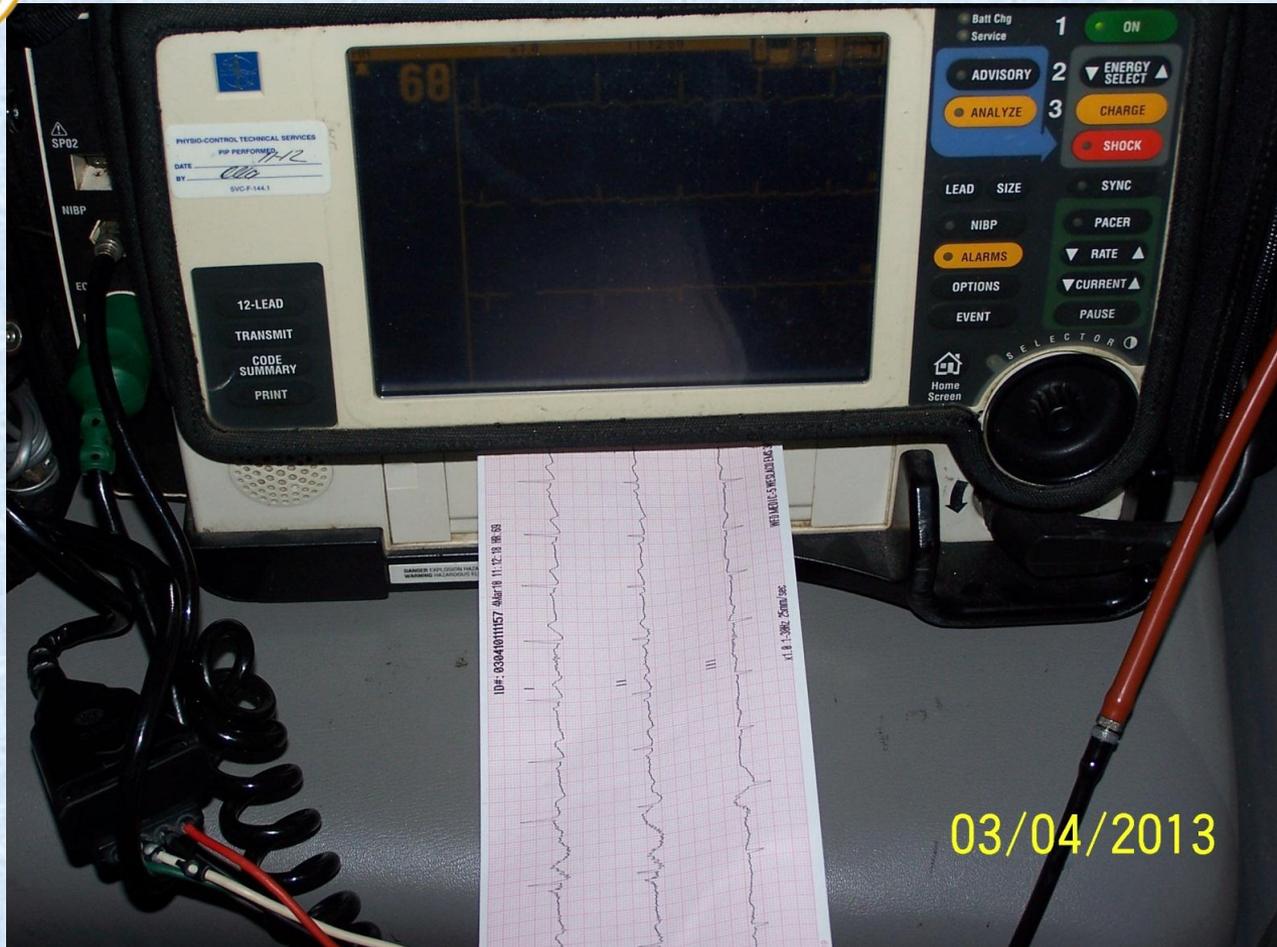
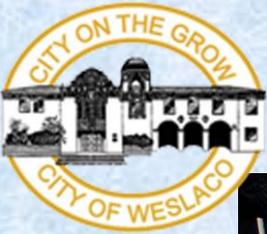
## **Provided through City Funds:**

6 Toughbook Computers for Ambulances

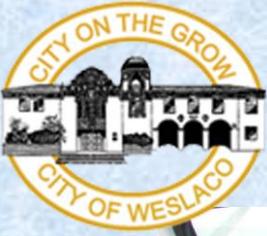
5 Project 25 compliant (digital) Mobile Radios to replace old radios

## **Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council:**

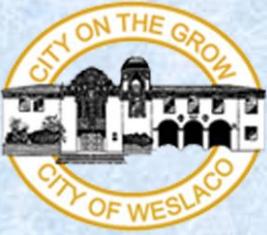
Six Gateways (telemetry modems) for delivery of advanced medical data to hospitals from ambulances



Heart Monitors using Telemetry for Valley-Wide Hospitals



# Toughbook Computers



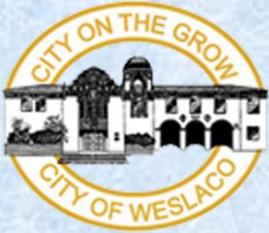
# Hospital Preparedness Project

Eight 800 MHz digital Mobile Radios provided by the Cameron County Health Department for communication with area hospital emergency rooms.

Value: \$14,800.00



02/25/2013



# Heavy Rescue Tools

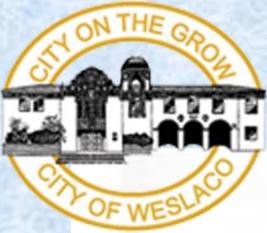


2 Hurst Rescue Tools purchased with City funds, approved by City Commission on Dec. 18, 2012.

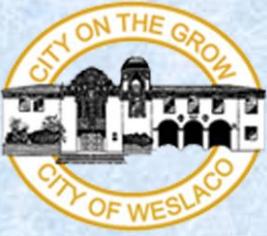
One with spreader and cutter and a combi-tool



Hurst Combi-Tool (cutter/spreader combined)



Hurst High Pressure Rescue Spreader

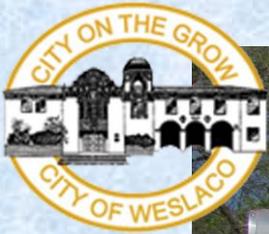


# Hurst Cutter



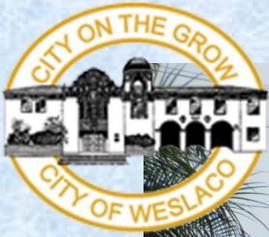


Power Plant to operate Rescue Tools

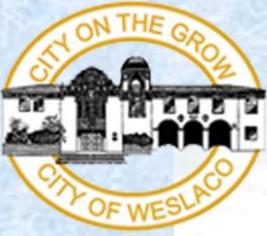


Retama Manor

Mass Casualty Incident February 28, 2013



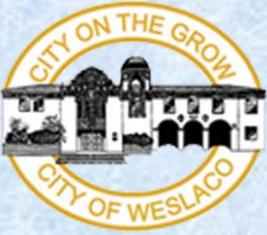
Assisted by Multiple Agencies



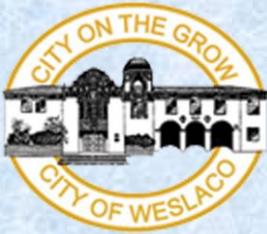
## Deployed Emergency Shelter for 51 Patients



The remaining 25 were transported to area facilities.



# Emergency Medical Services Billing and Collections EMS Billing Specialists Alicia Lopez and Belinda Vargas



# PRIVATE

12/14/2012 to 02/14/2013

Total Claims	Paid Claims	No EMS	Pending Claims	Total Charges	Credits/Payments	Balance
403	5	141	257	77,926.19	250.00	77,676.19

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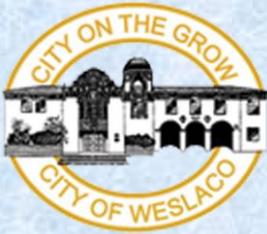
No EMS = Calls with No Patient contact or MVC's (EMS called by PD).

Pending Claims = Total claims that are pending payment, to include refusals.

Total Charges = Total amount billed for the total claims sent out.

Credits/Payments = Total payments received by private payers on the total claims.

Balance = Total amount still due on pending claims.



# INSURANCE

## 12/14/2012 to 02/14/2013

Total Claims	Paid Claims	Pending Claims	Total Charges	Credits/ Payments	2nd Payment	Adjustments	Balance
240	146	94	120,343.22	32,040.92	0.00	13,279.66	75,022.64

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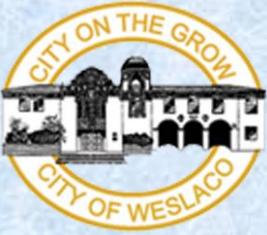
Total Charges = Total amount billed for the total claims sent out.

Credits/Payments = Total payments received by Insurance on the total claims.

2<sup>nd</sup> Payment = Payment amount on deductibles due by patient or Co-insurances.

Adjustment = Amount that is adjusted by Insurance to meet State/Federal allowed amount.

Balance = Total amount still due on pending claims.



# MEDICAID

12/14/2012 to 02/14/2013

Total Claims	Paid Claims	Pending Claims	Total Charges	Credits/ Payments	Adjustments	Balance
21	20	1	12,908.75	6,305.32	5,980.67	622.76

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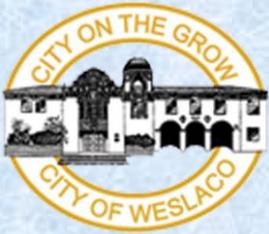
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# MEDICARE

12/14/2012 to 02/14/2013

Total Claims	Paid Claims	Pending Claims	Total Charges	Credits/ Payments	2 <sup>nd</sup> Payments	Adjustments	Balance
374	276	98	165,089.40	84,772.39	12,908.75	45,993.63	21,414.63

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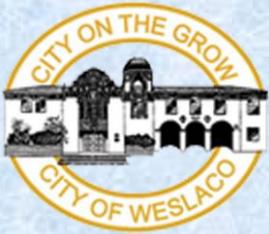
Credits/Payments = Total payments received by Medicare on the total claims.

2<sup>nd</sup> Payment = Payments received from a cross-over payer (i.e. Medicaid, Insurance or private)

[Medicare pays 80% and the remaining 20% is crossed-over to other payers.]

Adjustment = Amount that is adjusted by Medicare to meet State/Federal allowed amount.

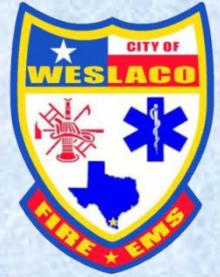
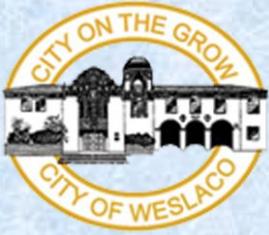
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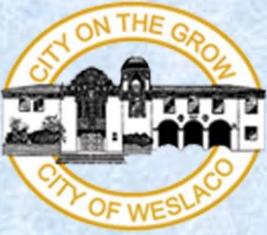
# SUMMARY

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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>376,267.56</b>	<b>123,368.63</b>	<b>12,908.75</b>	<b>65,800.01</b>	<b>174,190.17</b>



- Between Insurance, Medicaid and Medicare claims, we have an approximate collection rate of 77%.



**We will continue to provide superior service to the citizens of Weslaco in the protection of life and property.**

**Thanks to the City Commission and City Manager for your help and support of the Weslaco Fire Department!**