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"To provide quality service to the citizens of Alpine"

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

REMEMBERING FIRE CHIEF & DIRECTOR OF WEST TEXAS AMBULANCE SERVICE – ALPINE EMS, MICHAEL SCUDDER

Alpine, Texas – The community of Alpine is saddened following the death of Fire Chief and Director of West Texas Ambulance Service – Alpine EMS, Michael Scudder, on December 5, 2021. Scudder left behind a legacy of immense enthusiasm and unparalleled dedication to the City of Alpine and its citizens through his public service to our community.

Scudder was born in El Paso on August 30, 1960 at Providence Memorial Hospital. In May of 1973, Scudder moved to Alpine at the age of 12. He attended Alpine Junior High School beginning his 8th grade year. At the young age of 14, Scudder joined the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department as a Junior Firefighter. One year later, at age 15, he and his twin brother took an ECA course, sponsored by the Texas Department of Health, at Sul Ross State University and became certified Emergency Care Attendants. The brothers began working as Emergency Care Attendants in December of 1976 and began a course to become EMTs in August of that same year. They graduated as Emergency Medical Technicians in March of 1977. The Scudder twins were the youngest certified EMTs in the state of Texas, a record which still holds today, as the Texas Department of Health certification age requirements later changed to an 18 year minimum. Once certified, the Scudder brothers began working as EMTs in March of 1977 as employees for West Texas Ambulance Service. Scudder graduated from Alpine High School, at age 17, in May of 1978. That fall he began his studies at Sul Ross State University studying Criminal Justice and Business Administration. That same year, at age 18, the Scudders became full members of the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department. Scudder and his brother began their company, West Texas Ambulance Service – Alpine EMS, in 1985. Scudder has served as Chief of the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department since the passing of his twin brother, Mark, in September of 2019. He served as Assistant Fire Chief prior to assuming this role.

The City of Alpine is eternally grateful to Fire Chief Scudder for his passion, dedication, and over 45 noble years of service to our community. The memorial service and Funeral will take place at 3:00 P.M. on Monday, December 13th at the Brewster County Emergency Response Center/Alpine Volunteer Fire Department located at 102 S. 2nd Street, with services at Elm Grove Cemetery following the memorial.