

TBM collecting bottled water; fire departments need supplies

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DALLAS—Texas Baptist Men is collecting bottled water that will be distributed to firefighters and victims of the wildfires raging throughout the state.

Bottled water can be dropped off April 21-23 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Texas Baptist Men's Equipping Center at 5351 Catron in east Dallas, near the intersection of Buckner and Samuell.

To contribute financially to relief and recovery efforts, give online to Texas Baptist Men disaster relief at www.texasbaptistmen.org or to the Baptist General Convention of Texas disaster response at www.texasbaptists.org/give .

Several fire departments also have indicated they need supplies. Specific items requested are bottled water; Gatorade/Powerade; baby powder; shaving supplies; batteries (C and D sizes); leather work gloves; travel-size shower gel, toothpaste and lotion; sunscreen, cough drops; antacid tablets; allergy medicines; tissues; adhesive bandages; Neosporin; Tylenol or ibuprofen; paper products including cups, plates, toilet paper and plates; power bars and granola bars (not chocolate or sticky); new T-shirts, underwear and socks; sandwich bags; hot dog buns, wieners, sandwiches (dry, no mustard or mayonnaise), chips, protein bars, beef jerky, peanut butter crackers and baby wipes.

Fire departments collecting supplies are:

- *Palo Pinto Fire Department at 5th Ave., off Highway 180 in Palo Pinto. Contact Amanda or Katy Faubion at (940) 659-3900.*

- *Stawn Fire Department, located off Interstate 20. Take exit 361. Call (254) 672-5333.*

- *Mineral Wells Junior High is serving as a shelter for firefighters and evacuees. It is located at 1301 S E 14th Ave. Call (940) 325-0711.*

Current churches serving as Red Cross evacuee shelters and contact people are:

- *First Baptist Church in Gordon - Michael Jones (254) 693-5586 office*

- *First Baptist Church in Palo Pinto - Donald Mc Craig (325) 998-0919*

- *Northside Baptist in Mineral Wells - Paul Harris (940) 585-8770*

- *Fairview Baptist in Mineral Wells - Tonya Dowdy (940) 329-1534*

- *First Baptist Church in Strawn -William Jamison (405) 469-0848*

- *Leaning Tree Church in Mineral Wells - Melissa Gage (940) 329-8910*

Contact Marla Bearden for more information at (888) 244-9400.