

TEXAS SASP NEWS

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Texas SASP, with the support of NASASP, seeks to continue the strength of the Federal Surplus Property Program.

Texas Donees:

Well, we all survived another hot summer in the Texas Federal Surplus Property warehouses and are looking forward to welcoming some cooler, Fall weather here in Texas. We've done a lot this summer and it was great to see those of you who visited our warehouses.

I enjoyed traveling to Charleston, South Carolina a few weeks ago to attend another National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property (NASASP) meeting. We voted on new national officers and I was more than happy to accept the position of NASASP Vice President. I consider it an honor to serve an association that works to improve federal surplus property programs nationwide. I also consider it an honor to represent a state that has 130 associate members and growing. Keep passing the word along to your fellow donees about the importance of supporting NASASP.

As always, we are here to support you and your property needs. Please don't hesitate to give one of us a call if you have a question or concern. We look forward to seeing you in one of our warehouses soon.

God bless Texas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Conn', is positioned below the text 'God bless Texas,'.

Greg Conn
Federal Surplus Property
Lead Manager



Texas Federal Surplus Property Locations
Ft. Worth warehouse: 817-831-6767
San Antonio warehouse: 210-661-2381
Austin warehouse: 512-463-6759
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Recent NASASP Meetings

August 2009, Charleston, South Carolina

The NASASP Summer National Meeting was held this year in the historic district of Charleston, South Carolina. During the course of the four-day meeting, representatives from the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) spoke on topics that ranged from Civil Rights issues, Eligibility and Compliance rules and regulations, and the recent availability of property from NASA that is a result of the space shuttle retirement phase.

NASASP committee meetings also took place the day before the convention began. Texas representative, Greg Conn, is a member of and attended the meetings for the Legislative Committee, the Technology Committee and the Overseas Committee. Each committee works hard to ensure that nationwide FSP programs remain strong. In particular, the Legislative Committee discussed proposed legislation and DoD issues that are affecting the amount of property that is bypassing the donation cycle.

NASASP is taking every opportunity to ensure that more excess property is available to the states through the Federal Surplus Property Program and is committed to protecting and enhancing this valuable program that provides property to over 67,000 donee organizations nationwide. **If you have any questions or concerns about NASASP and how you can become more involved, please let any of our staff know.**



Greg Conn, FSP Lead Manager, and Luis Arellano, Texas Facilities Commission Chief Financial Officer, represented Texas at the Summer 2009 NASASP Conference in Charleston.



Greg Conn Receives GSA award

Greg Conn received an award from Dave Robbins, Director of the General Services Administration (GSA) for his efforts after Hurricane IKE. His assistance with the recovery and removal of 6 Secret Service double-wide mobile homes from Bush's western white house was deeply appreciated by the federal agency. Greg helped to ensure that the GSA met the deadline for removing the mobile homes.

Your New National NASASP Officers

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What We Did This Summer...



CFO Conducts a Compliance Visit in Style

Texas Facilities Commission's Chief Financial Officer, Luis Arellano was surprised with an opportunity to fly from the Fort Worth warehouse to The National Vietnam War Museum in Mineral Wells, Texas to conduct a compliance visit. The helicopter was originally donated to McCullough County by the FSP program.



Austin FSP Staff visit Austin donee, Southwest Key Programs

Federal Surplus Property (FSP) Austin staff members Jim Virdell and Susan Vela-Rice (not pictured) visited the Southwest Key Programs facility in Austin, Texas in August. Southwest Key Programs is a national non-profit organization that sits on seven acres in Austin, Texas and provides transformative education, innovative safe shelters and alternatives to incarceration for over [6,000 youth](#) each day, while creating opportunities for their families to become self-sufficient. On August 24, 2009, Southwest Key Programs will be opening a Charter School to 94 East Austin students. Southwest Key Programs recently received two trailers, a vacuum cleaner, a steam vacuum and a carpet cleaner from the Texas FSP program.

San Antonio District Manager, Stuart Hamm, presents at TSABAA conference

Stuart Hamm drove to Corpus Christi in June to present at the Texas State Agency Business Administrators' Association (TSABAA) Conference. Mr. Hamm was able to teach state agency administrators about the benefits of both the Texas Federal and State Surplus Property Programs.



Texas Donee Spotlights

The City of Christine Has a New City Hall

The City of Christine, Texas was operating out of an old Morgan building that was in need of many repairs. Thanks to the donation of a new FEMA trailer from the Texas Federal Surplus Property program, the City is able to do business in a new City Hall.

BEFORE



AFTER



Pictured (right to left): Greg Conn (FSP), Mayor Odel Vasquez and her assistant, Dustin.



Southwest Bell County Fire Department Receives New Fire Truck from San Antonio FSP warehouse

The Volunteer Fire Department of Southwest Bell County received an updated fire truck from the Texas Federal Surplus Property warehouse in San Antonio. The fire truck provided the county residents with a better fire response system and makes it easier for the brave volunteer fire fighters to do their jobs.



Texas Donee Spotlights

City of New Berlin Volunteer Fire Department

The small City of New Berlin is located near New Braunfels, close to Lake McQueeney. The New Berlin Volunteer Fire Department serves the 76 square mile city and has been participating in the Federal Surplus Program for over 20 years.

When the VFD's Chief Kurt Strey acquired the cargo truck from the San Antonio District warehouse in September 2008 it needed quite a bit of repairs. Thanks to the work of the New Berlin firemen, the fire truck is in excellent operational condition today. The New Berlin Volunteer Fire Department used their fire truck this summer to assist with grass and brush fires.



BEFORE



AFTER

City of Jewett

On September 13th 2008, Hurricane Ike slammed into the Texas coast, devastating Galveston and its surrounding cities. During the storm, the City of Jewett, like many other cities, lost power. Rudy Hibbeler, Director of Public Works, was able to use the city's generator to provide power during the outage. Fortunately for the City of Jewett, the 100KW generator did its job and provided electricity for the city while the power was out. That same generator is maintained as a backup generator just in case of any future emergencies. Like the good neighbor that he is, Rudy Hibbeler promotes the FSP Program to his neighboring cities because he believes it's the best Texas program around to assist local governments when planning for emergencies.



Texas Federal Surplus Property Staff Spotlights



Otho Green (SSP) and Jim Virdell (FSP) take a break to enjoy lunch.



Doug Florence, Bryan Bargsley, Luis Arellano, Ralph Acosta and Matthew Coy help to prepare the food.



TFC's Recycling Coordinator, Thomas Shook, joins Austin staff for burgers. Shook successfully implemented single stream recycling for state agencies this fiscal year. Congratulations, Thomas!



Thank You to the Austin State and Federal Surplus Property Employees For a Successful Fiscal Year

The Austin staff of the State and Federal Surplus Property programs were shown appreciation for their hard work during the 2009 fiscal year with a delicious lunch prepared by Surplus Property Director, Alex Gutierrez.

On the menu were hamburgers, hot dogs, and a great big “thank you” from Chef Gutierrez for his staff’s continued hard work.

There are two different surplus property programs that operate out of the Austin office: the State Surplus Property Program, and the Federal Surplus Property program. The Austin staff of the State Surplus Property Program do an amazing job each year assisting state agencies dispose of property that the agencies deem surplus. Disposal methods include eBay and other internet auctions, live auctions, and storefront sales. Along with screening and donating property, the Austin Federal Surplus Property employees, Jim Virdell and Susan Vela-Rice work hard to review new donee applications, ensure compliance visits are completed statewide, and keep donees’ paperwork updated and current.

Thank you to our Austin staff. We couldn’t do it without you!

Please visit our website for more information about obtaining property through both programs:
www.tfc.state.tx.us/surplus

Texas Federal Surplus Property Staff Spotlights

Gilbert Robles, The Newest Addition to the San Antonio District's Team

The Texas Federal Surplus Property program's San Antonio district has a new addition: Gilbert Robles. Gilbert has been with the program for one month and has already jumped right in to help with donations, such as the donation made to DeWitt County (see picture below).

Welcome aboard Gilbert!



Gilbert, what is the most unique piece of surplus property that you've seen come through your warehouse so far?

Military motorcycle.

What is your favorite part of your job?

Working with the customers.

When you aren't working, what is your favorite way to spend your time?

I like spending my time at home with my family.

Favorite book and/or tv show?

World Fishing Network (WFN).

Where are you from and/or where did you grow up?

San Antonio

Please tell me anything else interesting about yourself.

I'm an avid fisher and hunter and enjoy the outdoors very much.

Scenes From Our Warehouses



Donation to City of Edinburg Fire Department
(San Antonio District)



Donation to Leon Springs Volunteer Fire Dept
(San Antonio District)



The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department acquires office furniture from the FSP Austin warehouse. The surplus furniture is used to replace furniture that was damaged by Ike.



The Fort Worth warehouse makes a donation to Bootleg VFD