

# Valley Fire & Rescue

## 1st Annual Chili Cook Off – Success Report

Our 2024 1st Annual Chili Cook Off was a major success. Thanks to the overwhelming support from our community, we raised **over \$5,700** through this exciting event!

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who helped make this possible, including our generous sponsors **Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate – Dru Smith, APG Polytech, City Ice & Fuel, and K3 Copper**, along with the incredible teams who brought their best chili and their best energy to the event.

This funding directly supported several key initiatives that benefited both our department and the community:

- **Offset the operational costs** of hosting the cook off, allowing all other proceeds to go right back into service and outreach
- Provided **200 Christmas toys** for local children in need through our partnership with **Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots**
- Sponsored a **free community “Breakfast with Santa” event**, open to all families
- Hosted a **Christmas dinner** to show appreciation to our volunteer firefighters
- Supported our **safety and cancer prevention program**, keeping our responders protected
- Funded our **2024 Awards Banquet**, recognizing the dedication and efforts of our members
- Allowed for the **replacement and restocking of medical bags**, ensuring our crews are always ready to respond

This event was more than a fundraiser—it was a celebration of community, service, and the spirit of giving. We look forward to growing the Chili Cook Off even more in 2025!

For questions or to become a 2025 sponsor, please contact us at [ZAdkins@ValleyVFD.com](mailto:ZAdkins@ValleyVFD.com) or 304-812-4310.