EVENT BRIEFING MEMO: The Experience of Rural Volunteers

Cranfills Gap Voluntary Fire Department ★ 901 TX-22 ★ Cranfills Gap, TX 76637

EVENT DATE & TIME: July 19, 2018 | 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
HOST: Cranfills Gap Voluntary Fire Department

Staff Lead: [Name]
Lead Commissioner: Kilgannon
Support Commissioner: Wada

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:
Volunteers in small towns face very different challenges and barriers to service. Many people looking to get involved are forced to travel to larger cities to find volunteer opportunities. Yet, small towns also depend on volunteers on a daily basis for basic functions, including fire safety. Cranfills Gap has one fire station with 18 volunteer firefighters. In order to better understand the role of service in meeting rural community needs, the Commissioners will meet with representatives from the Cranfills Gap Fire Department.

The purpose of this meeting is:
➢ Gain new perspectives on service, particularly in rural communities
➢ Understand what critical needs are being met through dedicated service opportunities in rural communities

PARTICIPANTS:
Participants will be volunteer firefighters who staff the only fire station in Cranfills Gap.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
The questions below are provided for guidance only and are not intended to serve as a protocol or script for the meeting.
Any other question as it relates to the scope of the Commission’s work:

- Is a military draft or draft contingency still a necessary component of U.S. national security?
- Are modifications to the selective service system needed?
- How can the United States increase participation in military, national, and public service by individuals with skills critical to address the national security and other public service needs of the nation?
- What are the barriers to participation in military, national, or public service?
- Does service have inherent value, and, if so, what is it?
- Is a mandatory service requirement for all Americans necessary, valuable, and feasible?
- How does the United States increase the propensity for Americans, particularly young Americans, to serve?