The ongoing wildfires in counties adjacent to and in Callahan County are being monitored and Callahan County assets, including volunteer fire department personnel, are participating as needed through mutual aid agreements. State assets have been deployed and will continue to provide services as needed throughout the incident. The elevated threat of possible wildfires continues and will most likely continue through the weekend.

You can monitor the progress of these fires on the Texas A&M Forest Service public website at <u>https://public.tfswildfires.com/</u>. If an evacuation order is given, it will be broadcast by the National Weather Service on weather radio, as well as local news stations, Facebook, and the county website. In the event of an evacuation order, do not attempt to fight the fire on your own. A safe location will be provided in the announcement.

Callahan County residents are encouraged to form an evacuation plan in advance. Prepare an evacuation/emergency kit that includes supplies such as food and water, important documents, necessary prescriptions, and other essential supplies. If you have pets or livestock, develop a plan to make arrangements for their care as well.

While most of the current fires are in other counties, we are at high risk for wildfires and some county residents have been impacted by these fires. The county remains under a burn ban, so please take all precautions to prevent a fire from starting.

Please keep all first responders and the victims in your thoughts.