

# Reflecting in our Community



## LSET & YLSET Project

Jasper ISD and Kirbyville ISD students and Teachers provided a fantastic team to install reflectors in Kirbyville.

We met to establish our route of travel and were assisted with hydrant locations by the Kirbyville Fire Department. LSET team members organized volunteer hours, donations, supplies, maps, documentation and t-shirts for the life of the project. Hydrant Markers cuts response time and saves Lives.



**VOLUTEERS**

**1**

73 Volunteer hours donated by Kirbyville ISD, Jasper ISD students & LSET members

**DONATIONS**

**2**

OVER \$1000 in Donations and Supplies for reflectors and their supplies

**IMPACT**

**3**

87 hydrants in the community. We installed and donated to cover 100%



## “Thank you for the opportunity to serve!”

### - Kirbyville and Jasper YLSET students and LSET group.

The modern RPM was born with an initial [1964 patent application](#), followed by another [patent granted in 1986](#) that addressed the unique design requirements of any object that sits outside for the whole year on a busy road. A reflective marker must exhibit “economy and ease of manufacture. The purpose of pavement reflectors is, of course, to save lives. They have been shown to help drivers see lanes better and sooner, especially when it’s raining, and to [cut crashes by 0.5 accidents per million vehicle miles](#). That explains why you’re seeing more and more of them. Jameelah Hayes, a spokesperson for the [American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials](#), told me that reflective pavement markers are an increasingly big part of how communities invest in road safety.



Many communities have neighborhoods with streets that do not have formal sidewalks. Landscape planting is often close to the roadway edge and it can be difficult to visibly locate some fire hydrants under the best of conditions. Add such elements as improperly parked vehicles, darkness, fog or heavy smoke conditions and it can be almost impossible to rapidly locate some hydrants. Business districts are often crowded with vehicles parked too close to hydrants for easy visual locating.

Most agencies show all hydrants on district maps and local companies are familiar with their assigned areas, however oftentimes the closest engine companies will respond directly to the scene to effect rapid rescue and attack a fire using water carried on the engines. A later arriving engine from a more distant station will establish continuous water supply. Especially on narrow streets, crews may not want to block the roadway with hose lines until all the units needed at the actual fire scene have arrived.

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## A Leadership Southeast Texas Project.

### LSET & YLSET Partnership.

A group project coordinated by a Leadership Southeast Texas (LSET) and Youth Leadership Southeast Texas (YLSET) will meet at the Elijah's parking lot in Kirbyville at 10 AM. Accompanied by the The Kirbyville volunteer fire department the groups will install **100 FIRE HYDRANT REFLECTORS** in the Kirbyville area. **A blue reflector or cat's eye, is a reflector that marks a fire hydrant's location. This is a time and life saving measure for the community.**

Our project is supported by Leadership Southeast Texas and organized by employees of JasperISD, Mobiloil Credit Union and Gulf Coast (Oldcastle Materials). These blue reflectors are installed on, or just to the left of the centre-line of the roadway. They were first introduced in 2004. They are called retroreflective raised pavement markers or RRPMs.

The blue reflector points to the fire hydrant. While you might not notice them while you are driving around, they are useful for vehicles attending a fire because they can quickly locate a source of water.

When: April 17, 2018

Where: Elijah's Cafe.  
413 N Margaret Ave.  
Kirbyville, Texas 75956

Time: 10 AM - 2 PM

Other: **100 Reflectors** were donated by local company **Crabtree Barricade Systems** Also donated were the pads that will mount the reflectors to the road. The Project will be able to identify 100 fire hydrants in Newton County, Texas

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