

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## PLEASE POST

**Activity:** Chief's and Captain's Meeting

**Date:** January 23, 2020

**Organizations Represented:** Public Safety Administration  
Squad 2/Franklin County Rescue  
Squad 3/Ferrum Rescue  
Squad 4/Glade Hill Rescue  
Squad 5/Callaway Rescue  
Squad 6/Snow Creek Rescue  
Squad 8/Fork Mountain Rescue  
Squad 9/Red Valley Rescue  
Squad 13/Cool Branch Rescue  
Dept 1/Rocky Mount Fire  
Company 3/Ferrum Fire  
Company 4/Glade Hill Fire  
Company 5/Callaway Fire  
Company 6/Snow Creek Fire  
Company 7/Boones Mill Fire/Rescue  
Company 8/Fork Mountain Fire  
Company 9/Burnt Chimney Fire  
Station 10/ Scruggs Fire/Rescue/Dive  
Company 11/SML Fire/Marine  
Company 12/Hardy Fire  
Company 13/Cool Branch Fire  
Company 14/Henry Fire  
Sheriff's Department (FCSO)

### TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

Please find below a summary of the topics that were discussed and relevant information regarding these topics. If you have any questions, please contact your Rescue Captain or Fire Chief for details.

The meeting was moderated by Public Safety Director Billy Ferguson. He opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance.

### Moment of Silence

For Glennis Young (Squad/Company 8), Kirby Newton (Company 5) and Larry Davids (Company 7/PSAP)

### Guest Speaker

Director Ferguson introduced guest speaker, Eric Dillon, FCDPS Fire Accountability work group chair. (Fire scene handout, see attached). Top priority is to reduce firefighter death and injuries. A well-designed accountability process will get that started. Need to keep it simple and consistent.

Volunteer Fire Accountability Committee Members: Eric Dillon, Justin Woodrow, Doug O'Neal, Chris Decker, Steve Crook, Mark Plumb, Chris Knight, William Hoyt, Tom Firebaugh

### Christmas Parade

The county Christmas parade had several citizen concerns that have been addressed.

### Road closure

VDOT will close bridge on Colonial Turnpike in May for a year.

### Leadership Meeting

Will be held this Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Dept 1, starting at 9:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch will be furnished.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> due Fire department

Director Ferguson stated in the last meeting it was brought up that 3<sup>rd</sup> due was needed on a structure fire for manpower and 3<sup>rd</sup> due could respond priority 2.

Chief 4, Allen Richards stated it needs to be priority 1 and on daytime.

Chief 6, Snow Creek stated to have full-time and turn around it not needed.

911 Director Foley stated to be consistent and it be 24 hours.

Vote taken: Yay 8 Nay 5 to 3<sup>rd</sup> due should be 24/7

### Fundraisers

Let the administrative office know when your agency is having a fundraiser.

### Fire Departments 1<sup>st</sup> Responder to EMS calls

Company 10 started on January 1<sup>st</sup> and Company 6 will begin February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## NIFR's

In Imagetrend you do not need to add an additional number after the call number. Imagetrend will generate a call number and under that call number a NIFR's report will be generated. This will keep reports from being overwritten.

## RIT Formation

A work group will be setup. For this work, several agencies will be needed to form teams. Director Ferguson will send an email out for a response to anyone who wants to be on the team.

## Recruitment and Retention

A handbook about each organization was passed out (See attached). It will be posted on our website, in the library and hospitals.

## Weather Alerts

The Sheriff's office and Public Safety has put in a new weather system called Weather Eagle. The weather watches go out to a group and are forwarded appropriately, the weather warnings are all call. The all call warning will go out 24/7 and the weather watches will be sent by email.

## New Fingerprinting procedure (Handout, see attached)

Effective January 1, 2020 the state has contracted the fingerprinting out and you must go to a field print office. The closet field print offices are in Bedford, Roanoke and Danville and are open Monday through Friday 10:00am to 6:00pm. There is a cost associated with the fingerprinting of \$35.72 for career staff and \$28.72 for volunteers. Captain Toby Hodges stated he thought that if the applicant is certified there is no cost.

There are two way around this:

1. Get code from Field print & state absorbs the cost
2. County ordinance - then the Sheriff's department will process and send electronically but we will have to absorb the cost.

## Turtle Hill Station update

VDOT approval with caveats attached to it. One is to get an entrance off Highway 40 and an easement across the road.

## Website

The Franklin County website has changed and is now powered by Civic Plus

## Fire/EMS Appreciation Day

April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Summit View business park, if the shelter is not complete, we will have at the 619 park. (Update: Business park will not be completed)

## BOS Agenda

USDA grant to help offset the cost of purchase for Snow Creek fire departments SCBA coming up this year. We are eligible to receive up to \$50,000 on a USDA grant if we are successful in getting the grant. We had to get permission from the board to apply for the grant. The board approved so we are in the process of applying.

The fingerprint ordinance was passed by the board.

## Info from Chief J.E. Mason

Shift training was done on NIFR's this week. Patrick put together a presentation and is to have an evening class. Also, a 2015 FEMA standard on the NIFR's system book was put together, if you do not see it at your station, let Jay know.

## Info from Training Coordinator, Patrick Meeks

Monday is the last day of class for Firefighter 1. There will be 17 cadets graduating in the Fire Academy on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Essig Center.

## Agency Budget's

Chief 4, Allen Richards asked if the budgets would change. Director Ferguson stated that would be up to the Board of Supervisors and he does not anticipate any fire departments getting cut. Captain Toby Hodges asked if EMS will be getting cut. Director Ferguson stated there may be some adjustments. Chief 4 asked where does the EMS revenue go and Director Ferguson stated that 70-75% goes back into Public Safety Operations Account to supply EMS services and there is a portion that goes to fire and into vehicles, recruitment and retention, training classes, supplies.

## Meetings

Director Ferguson proposed the question, does the group want to separate the fire and EMS meeting. The majority voted to separate the meetings.

## Open Discussion

Riley Peters spoke on several issues.

Department 1 Chief, Justin Woodrow asked if we are being dispatched by truck or agency. Director Ferguson stated it was a general discussion in a meeting and nothing has changed.

## Sheriff's Department Dispatch

Director Foley announced changes at the Sheriff's Department with Justin Sigmon being appointed Major and Eric Mollin and Ken Holland as Captain's.

Also, the observation program has been expanded.

Next Generation 911 has been presented to the Board of Supervisors; it will put the dispatch center up to date with the technology and could receive video of incidents.

## Gas Monitors

Cody Williams, CO5 stated that he and Chris Decker, CO5/Public Safety were trained to calibrate the gas monitors and will be getting around to calibrating the monitors on Monday evening. He will contact the agency coming to.

## Open Discussion

Captain Toby Hodges mentioned members being removed without being notified. Director Ferguson stated he has spoken with Chief Belinda Hodges and it should be corrected.

Also, Captain Toby Hodges, referencing the R&R book that states that multiple classes are paid for at 100%. Director Ferguson stated he would check into it and speak with EMS Training Coordinator Eric Newman.

Captain 6, Timmy Law, stated that every time they bring in a patient to Roanoke Memorial, they want to change something. It may be that they want the patient weighed or wanting the DOA hauled to the Medical Examiner's office because they don't want to pay anyone at Franklin Memorial to save money and put more work on the volunteers. It's hard to hold on to volunteers when more and more keeps coming down, like the new fingerprinting process.

Chief 5, James Webb asked when the next fire chief's meeting with GIS will be. They have not set-up any meetings yet. They are reviewing preliminary stuff with a committee of firefighters before setting the meetings.

Next Captain's meeting is April 16, 2020 at 7:00pm

Next Chief's meeting is April 23, 2020 at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned

**Purpose:**

- I. This guideline identifies a system of incident site firefighter accountability.
- II. To account for all fighters, at any time, within the most dangerous area of an incident.
- III. Use of a Personnel Accountability System will provide enhanced personnel safety for the individual firefighter and will provide the incident command organization staff an improved means to track and account for all personnel and their whereabouts within the danger area.

The danger area will be defined as any area that requires an SCBA, charged hose line, and special protective clothing or in which a firefighter is at risk of becoming lost, trapped, or injured by the environment or structure. This would include entering a structure reported to be on fire, operating in close proximity to the structure during exterior operations, brush/forest fire, etc.

**Scope:**

All Fire Department Personnel

**Responsibility:**

All Fire Department officers and supervisors

**Safety:** Accountability involves a personal commitment to work within the safety system at an incident. It will be the responsibility of individual firefighters and other personnel at the incident to keep their supervisors informed of their activities and

whereabouts. Freelancing of activities will not be permitted and can lead to injury and death of the firefighter and others

**Implementation of the Fireground Accountability System:**

To meet the goals of the NFPA 1561 the department shall implement the Personnel Accountability System at all incidents as described above.

**Procedure:**

To enhance accountability and to improve tracking of firefighters in the danger area, a two (2) tag system will be used.

Tags will have as a minimum firefighters name.

One tag shall be affixed to a collection board on the apparatus prior to leaving the station.

Upon arrival one tag shall be turned into command, an accountability officer or designated accountability location.

The tag will identify the person and level of training according to color.

The initial accountability location may be the first arriving apparatus.

For example: Engine 1 arriving on scene smoke showing from alpha bravo sides. Mark this a working structure fire. Engine 1 will be command. All incoming units arrive and see Engine 1 for assignment and to establish accountability. (Engine 1 will be initial accountability location.)

As additional equipment and crews arrive and prior to entering the danger zone, accountability tags will be turned in to Engine 1 (placed in a designated area on the apparatus i.e. cab or compartment.)

Chief Officers after assuming command will collect the accountability tags and as the incident escalates place the tags on a status board.

The status board will contain only the tags of those crews in the danger zone. Crews/companies or individuals exiting the danger zone will retrieve their accountability tags.

**Member arriving via personal vehicle:**

Individual firefighters arriving via personal vehicle shall report to the Command Post and have their ID tag affixed to the company or area they are assigned to.

No member shall enter a danger area without first reporting to the IC or designated accountability officer. An accountability ID tag must be submitted prior to being assigned.

**Accountability Supervisors/Division Supervisors:**

Command will be responsible to track and account for all personnel working in their division/exposure or danger area.

Command will always maintain an accurate tracking and awareness of crews/individual firefighters assigned to them.

### **Accountability Equipment:**

The accountability equipment shall include;

Two (2) ID tags

The tags will be different colored (Red= No training) (Green= FF1 trained) (White= Officers). Select tags will have the star of life symbol to readily identified Fire/EMS personnel trained to Paramedic or Intermediate level.

Each apparatus should contain (1) accountability board capable of holding personnel on apparatus

A status board of uniformity to all department and apparatus will be available to the incident commander

Blank tags shall be made available for members who forgot and or lost tags (command shall be informed of training level)

### **Terminating the accountability system**

Accountability will be maintained at through the extent of the incident until command is terminated, at which time a roll call for all crews should be obtained.

Command will determine at that time, based on the situation and risk as to whether to continue with the accountability procedure.

If visibility is still impaired or a significant hazardous condition still exists, command may choose to extend the accountability system beyond "situation under control".

Upon termination or release from the incident, the Supervisors or crew leaders will ensure that the tags are returned to the firefighters.



# Volunteer Guide

1488 Franklin Street  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Phone: 540-483-3091

Fax: 540-483-3086

[www.fcpublicsafety.com](http://www.fcpublicsafety.com)

Volunteers do not necessarily  
have the time, they have the  
heart. 



## GEAR UP



# Franklin County

## Department of Public Safety



Dear Prospective Volunteer:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer with Franklin County Department of Public Safety. Franklin County Public Safety operates as a combination system of volunteer, full time, and part time career staff working cooperatively to provide fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to Franklin County's citizens and visitors. We have ten (10) volunteer fire departments and eight (8) volunteer rescue squads throughout the county. You will find information about each agency contained herein. Cool Branch Fire Department, Cool Branch Rescue Squad, Hardy Fire Department, and Smith Mountain Lake Marine Volunteer fire/Rescue are partnering agencies that provide mutual aid.

We are excited about the prospect of having you as a volunteer. If you should decide to make a commitment to your friends, neighbors, and your community, please complete an online application at [www.fcpublicsafety.com](http://www.fcpublicsafety.com).

Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. B. Ferguson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William B. Ferguson, Director

Franklin County's Department of Public Safety is dedicated to providing Emergency Services, to include, but not limited to, Fire, EMS, Animal Control and Emergency Management that are, delivered in a timely and efficient manner by well-trained and dedicated career and volunteer professionals.



## FIRE STATIONS

Rocky Mount Volunteer Fire Department	Department 1
Ferrum Volunteer Fire Department	Company 3
Glade Hill Volunteer Fire Department	Company 4
Callaway Volunteer Fire Department	Company 5
Snow Creek Volunteer Fire Department	Company 6
Boones Mill Volunteer Fire Department	Company 7
Fork Mountain Volunteer Fire Department	Company 8
Burnt Chimney Volunteer Fire Department	Company 9
Scruggs Volunteer Fire Department	Company 10
Henry Volunteer Fire Department	Company 14
Westlake fire/EMS	Station 15

## RESCUE STATIONS

Franklin County Volunteer Rescue Squad	Squad 2
Ferrum Volunteer Rescue Squad	Squad 3
Glade Hill Volunteer Rescue Squad	Squad 4
Callaway Volunteer Rescue Squad	Squad 5
Snow Creek Volunteer Rescue Squad	Squad 6
Fork Mountain Volunteer Rescue Squad	Squad 8
Red Valley Volunteer Rescue Squad	Squad 9
Scruggs Volunteer Rescue Squad	Squad 10

## PARTNERING AGENCIES

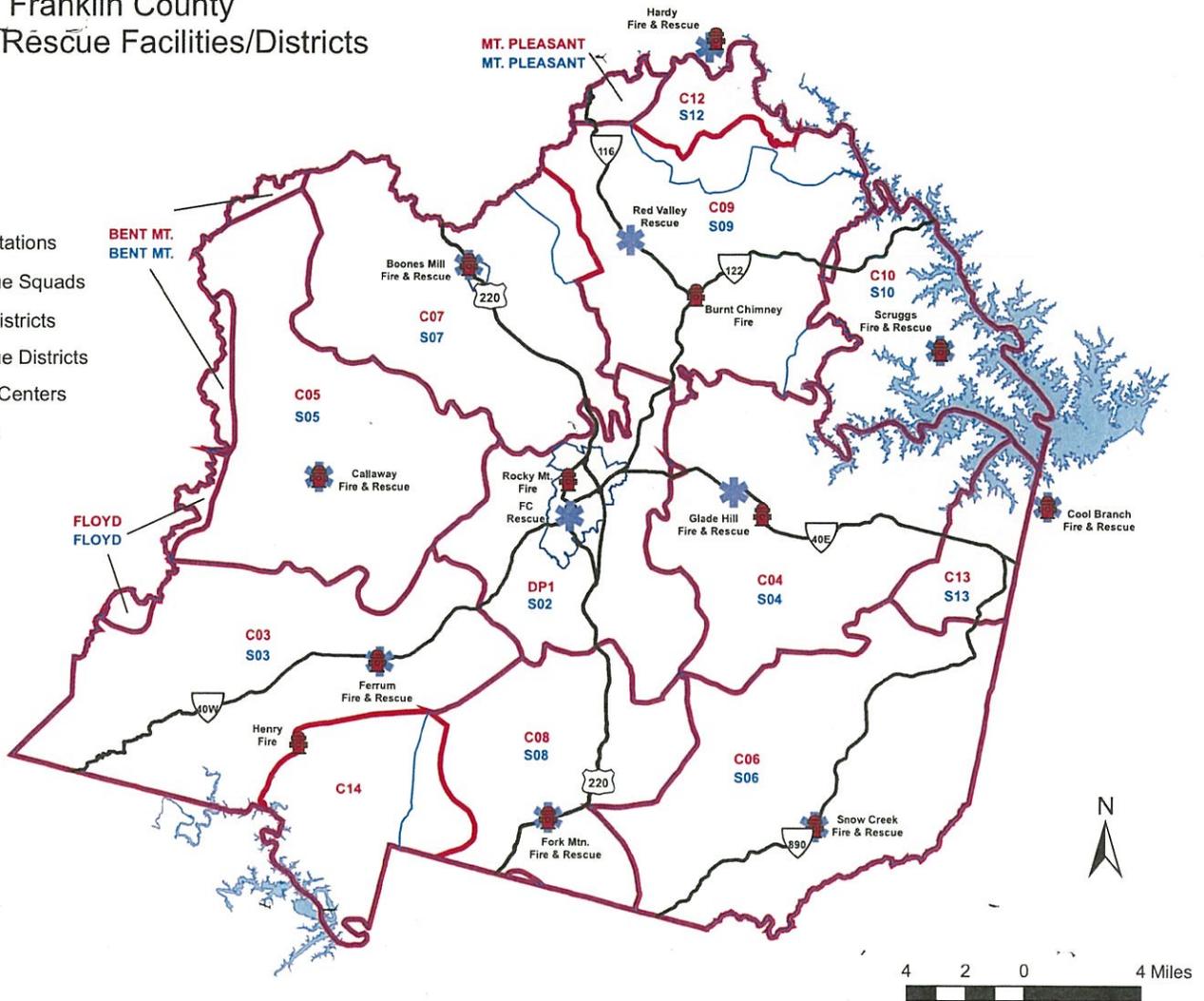
Cool Branch Volunteer Fire Department	Company 13
Cool Branch Volunteer Rescue Squad	Squad 13
Hardy Volunteer Fire Department	Company 12
Smith Mountain Lake Marine fire/Rescue	Company 11



## Franklin County Fire and Rescue Facilities/Districts

### Legend

-  Fire Stations
-  Rescue Squads
-  Fire Districts
-  Rescue Districts
-  Town Centers
-  Lakes





Franklin County is dependent upon professional volunteers and is always looking for the community's best people to become part of the Public Safety team. Becoming a volunteer for a fire department or rescue squad is a time consuming adventure but is nonetheless rewarding.

## Benefits

- Multiple training classes paid for at 100% or a reduced cost.
- Stipends paid for calls based on certification level.
- \$150 remuneration for obtaining EMT or FF I.
- County decal for one vehicle for eligible members.
- Workman's compensation on all volunteers.
- Accident and Sickness insurance on all volunteers.
- Line of Duty Act (LODA) paid on all volunteers. If you become disabled or die in the line of duty, you or your beneficiaries may be eligible for benefits under the Virginia Line of Duty Act (LODA).

## Additional benefits of being a volunteer

- Volunteering connects you to others.
- Volunteering is good for your mind and body.
- Volunteering can advance your career.
- Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life.





## Membership Criteria

[www.fcpublicsafety.com/sogs](http://www.fcpublicsafety.com/sogs)

The Franklin County Department of Public Safety has established the following guideline to outline the membership process to become affiliated with any county fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency. All licensed EMS agencies are required by Virginia law to conduct a criminal history background check through the Virginia State Police no more than sixty (60) days prior to an applicant's affiliation with the EMS agency (12 VAC 5-31-540).

Franklin County guidelines also apply the same background check be conducted on applicants to fire departments also.

Proper selection and screening of personnel is necessary to protect the citizens and communities served by the Franklin County Department of Public Safety. It is incumbent upon all agencies to conduct proper background screenings on the personnel providing vital emergency services to the public.

## The Process

### Application Step

Complete an application

- Online at [www.fcpublicsafety.com](http://www.fcpublicsafety.com)
- Paper application can be submitted to the agency they would like to join or bring to the Public Safety administrative office located at 1488 Franklin Street, Rocky Mount VA 24151.

\*If an applicant is under the age of 18, the applicant will have to print the application and submit the second page of the application with parent/guardian signature as noted on the application.

### Background /Driver Check

- Once the completed application is received in the Public Safety office, a background and driver check will be conducted. This step can take up to 3-4 weeks.

### Notification to Requested Agency

- After the background/driver check is received, a letter with the results is sent to the appropriate Chief or Captain. The applicant will receive a letter notifying them that the background check has been completed and to contact the Chief or Captain within 30 days. The Chief or Captain will notify Public Safety of their agency membership eligibility. If the prospective applicant is accepted into membership, the Public Safety office will add them to the agencies roster and provide insurance coverage.

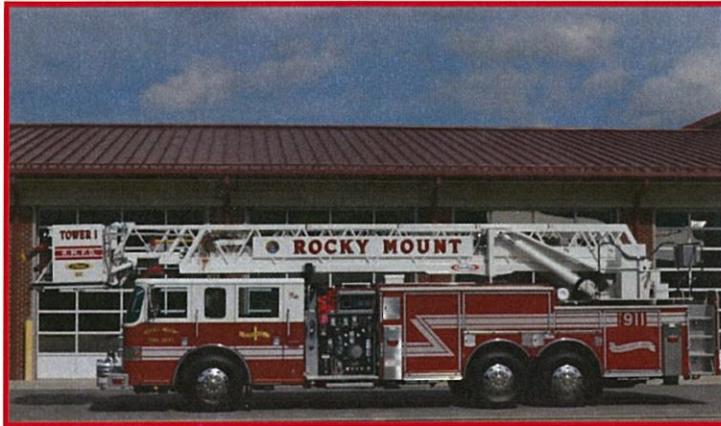
### Fingerprints

The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) requires that all persons volunteering with or employed by an EMS agency or a fire company that also runs EMS must submit their fingerprints.

To submit fingerprints, please visit the Virginia Office of EMS website, select the Regulation & Compliance Division, then select the [Fingerprint Submission](#) tab. Then, you will answer a couple of quick and simple questions to obtain your appropriate Fieldprint code. Next, follow the on-screen link to Fieldprint and schedule your appointment to submit your fingerprints.



## Rocky Mount Volunteer Fire Department Department 1



Founded January 1, 1922

1250 North Main Street Rocky  
Mount, VA 24151

Chief Justin Woodrow  
540-420-7391

Assistant Chief Brad Basham  
540-493-4785

To become a member applicant must submit an application for one of (3) positions:

1. Firefighter member
2. Engineer member
3. Student member

Applicants can pick up an application at the North Main station, 1250 North Main Street, Rocky Mount or print from [www.rockymountva.org](http://www.rockymountva.org). Completed applications are to be submitted to any RMFD member which are then given to the RMFD membership chairman. The chairman contacts the perspective member to schedule an interview. The membership committee presents the applicant to the membership and the application lays for 30 days until the next business meeting. During this 30 day period, a background check is performed by RMPD and the applicants references are contacted. The membership then votes on the applicant, if accepted, the applicant is contacted to participate in a physical agility test based upon the level of membership applied for. The new member also has to provide the RMFD with a current health physical or obtain one at the cost of RMFD. Below are requirements for new members:

- Full firefighter members are required to complete FF I within 1 year.
- Engineer members are required to complete EVOC and Basic Pump Operations within 1 year.
- Student members are to complete as much in house training as possible and as their time allows.
- There are different call volumes, training requirements, and voting privileges based on level of membership.

Business meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Training meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month .

Work nights are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.



## Ferrum Volunteer Fire Department Company 3



Founded in 1958



9616 Franklin Street  
Ferrum, VA 24088  
Chief Darryl Shively  
540-493-2824  
darrylshively@yahoo.com

Ferrum VFD was formed by a group of concerned and civic minded individuals in 1958. They are located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and protect an 80 Square Mile portion of Franklin County.

### How to become a member:

- Complete an application on line at [www.fcpublicsafety.com](http://www.fcpublicsafety.com).
- Once the background check is completed, the application is sent to the screening committee for review. If accepted, the new member is notified.
- New members have a 1 year probationary period.

### Meetings:

Training meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Business meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.



## Glade Hill Volunteer Fire Department Company 4



Founded July 12, 1963

6080 Old Franklin Turnpike  
Glade Hill, VA 24092  
Chief Allen Richards  
540-263-3961



### To become a member:

- Applicant must submit on application.
- Background check is performed.
- Applicant must attend a monthly meeting either prior to or after the background check is complete.
- A vote will be held once background check is complete.
- If voted in, there is a 6 month probationary period.
- After the probationary period is completed, another vote will be held for full membership.
- Members are required to successfully complete FF I within 1 year or as soon as a class is available.

\*Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.



## Callaway Volunteer Fire Department Company 5



Founded in 1966

The mission of the Callaway Volunteer Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of the people of Callaway from fires, natural disasters, and hazardous material incidents. To provide mutual aid to fellow departments, prevent fires through prevention and education programs, and to provide a work environment that values diversity, safety, and integrity.

8380 Callaway Road  
Callaway, VA 24067

Chief James Webb  
540-483-1910

Assistant Chief Cody Williams  
540-420-5485

- Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 8:00 pm.
- Potential members must attend 4 meetings before being voted in as a probationary member.
- New members have a 1 year probationary period.
- New members are required to have their Firefighter I within one year of membership.



## Snow Creek Volunteer Fire Department Company 6



7081 Snow Creek Road  
Snow Creek, VA 24137

Chief Mark Law

540-493-6508

[fcdpsc6@gmail.com](mailto:fcdpsc6@gmail.com)

Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday of every month  
at 7:00 pm.

To become a member you must attend two meetings. During the second meeting, Company 6 will vote on your probationary membership. Probationary membership will last 6 months, after the probationary membership is complete, you will be voted on as an active member. Firefighter I must be obtained within 1 year of active membership.



Organized in 1927

## Boones Mill Volunteer Fire and EMS Station 7

25355 Virgil Goode Highway  
Boones Mill, VA 24065

Chief Riley Peters

Email: [co7@franklincountryva.gov](mailto:co7@franklincountryva.gov)



Firefighter/EMT members of Boones Mill Volunteer fire/ EMS must live in or near the fire protection district we serve. We provide free trainings that include firefighter and EMT classes that must be completed within one year of joining.

### Apparatuses

- ◆ 110' Tower Ladder
- ◆ 1000 gallon Engine
- ◆ 2500 gallon Tanker
- ◆ 750 gallon 4WD Pumper
- ◆ 300 gallon 4WD Brush Truck
- ◆ Crash Truck
- ◆ Ambulance

We also welcome “support members” who are unable to participate in fire/EMS activities but wish to contribute in providing quality emergency service to our neighbors. You can support the community by helping us with:

- ◆ Providing assistance during major emergency situations
- ◆ Fund raising
- ◆ Vehicle, building and grounds, and equipment maintenance
- ◆ Returning fire apparatus into service after an alarm
- ◆ Public service projects, fire prevention and education





## Fork Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Company 8



Founded in March of 1969

2805 Virgil H Goode Highway  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Chief John Stanley

276-229-9045

Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 pm except July when it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.

To become a member:

- Application must be submitted at [fcpublicsafety.com](http://fcpublicsafety.com).
- Background check completed.
- Individual needs to attend 2 meetings at the department before being voted in as a member.

Apparatuses include a tanker, engine, attack and brush truck.



## Burnt Chimney Volunteer Fire Department Company 9



Founded in 1972



7300 Booker T Washington Highway  
Wirtz, VA 24184  
Chief Lee Powell

To become a member:

Application must be submitted at [www.fcpublicsafety.com](http://www.fcpublicsafety.com) or at the Fire Station.

Members are required to attend 2 consecutive meetings prior to membership vote.

Firefighter I must be obtained or attempted within 2 years for active membership.

Junior membership applicants must obtain parent or legal guardian signature.

Support members should obtain CPR.

\*Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 pm.



## Scruggs Fire, Rescue and Dive Station 10



Founded in 1972

Company 10  
Chief Dempsey Moore  
540-537-5008

Squad 10  
Captain Bob Makson

F.C. Dive Team  
Captain Greg McCorkindale



2130 Bluewater Drive  
Moneta, VA 24121

Serving Franklin County, and Smith Mountain Lake VA

### General Monthly Meetings:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month
- Catered Dinner Starts at 6:30 pm
- Meeting Begins at 7:30 pm

### Monthly Training Nights:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Every Month at 7:30 pm
- Both divisions (Fire Department & Rescue Squad) hold training on this night.

### Requirements to Join:

#### Minimum Age:

- 16 years old for Junior Membership
- 18 years old For Active or Support Membership

### Application Process:

Once the initial background check have been completed by Public Safety, the applicant may start running calls. However, the applicant must attend the next upcoming business meeting. During that meeting, the general membership will vote to put the applicant on the department as a probationary member (probationary period lasts 6 months). Six months after the new probationary member is introduced at a business meeting, the general membership will vote to promote the member from probationary to active, junior, or support membership status.

For questions about becoming a  
Scruggs volunteer, contact:

Assistant Chief William Hoyt  
(540) 815-9915



## Henry Volunteer Fire Department Company 14



Founded in 2002

5241 Henry Road  
Henry, VA 24102  
Chief Neal Ingram  
540-493-1966

Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.

- Potential members are required to attend at least 1 meeting before being voted in.
- New members have a 1 year probationary period.
- New members are required to begin their Firefighter I within one year of membership.

**Mission:** To protect and serve the community of Henry, Virginia and the surrounding areas.



## Franklin County Rescue Squad Squad 2



Founded in 1958

85 West Court Street  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Captain Gary Swicegood

540-420-5334

[gary.swicegood@franklincountyva.gov](mailto:gary.swicegood@franklincountyva.gov)

Franklin County Rescue Squad provides Emergency Medical Services to Rocky Mount and the surrounding areas.

Potential members must submit an application on line at [www.fcpublicsafety.com](http://www.fcpublicsafety.com). Once the background check has been completed, potential members must meet with the membership committee.

Potential members must:

- Be 18 years of age.
- Have obtained their EMT or be enrolled in EMT class.





## Ferrum Volunteer Rescue Squad Squad 3



9285 Franklin Street  
Ferrum, VA 24088

For information about becoming a volunteer

Contact:

- Captain Toby Hodges at 540-420-0911  
bcvfdtoby@aol.com
- Tammy Young at 540-483-3091  
tammy.young@franklincountyva.gov



## Glade Hill Volunteer Rescue Squad Squad 4



Founded on July 1, 1978



5090 Old Franklin Turnpike  
Glade Hill, VA 24092

For information about becoming a volunteer contact:

- Captain Toby Hodges at 540-420-0911  
bcvfdtoby@aol.com
- Tammy Young at 540-483-3091  
tammy.young@franklincountyva.gov





## Callaway Volunteer Rescue Squad Squad 5



Founded in 1991

8380 Callaway Road  
Callaway, VA 24067  
Captain Mona Hodges  
540-420-9115  
mlnhodges252@gmail.com

### Potential members:

- Must live within the Callaway service area.
- Must begin EMT class within 6 months of membership.
- Must attend 3 business meetings before voted in as a member.
- Meetings
  - Business Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 8:00 pm
  - Training Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 8:00 pm



## Snow Creek Volunteer Rescue Squad Squad 6

Founded April 23, 1973

7049 Snow Creek Road  
Penhook, VA 24137  
Captain Timmy Law  
timmylaw6@gmail.com

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

### Apparatuses:

- 1986 Ford Crash truck
- 1997 GMC Ambulance  
2004
- Tahoe first Response Vehicle
- 2014 Dodge Ambulance



## Fork Mountain Volunteer Rescue Squad Squad 8



Founded in 1983

2805 Virgil Goode Highway  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Captain Georgia Gravely

540-420-8642

gravelygeorgia@gmail.com

- Potential members must attend 2 business meetings before being voted in a member.
- Business meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.





## Red Valley Volunteer Rescue Squad Squad 9



Founded in 1977

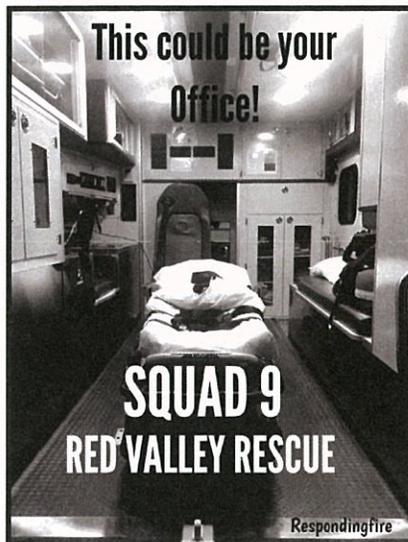
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Boones Mill, VA 24065

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## NEW PROCESS FOR VIRGINIA OFFICE OF EMS FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECKS – DEADLINE TO UTILIZE NEW PROCESS IS JANUARY 1, 2020

Posted on December 2, 2019 by [marianhunter](#)

New Process for Virginia Office of EMS Fingerprint-Based Background Checks  
*Deadline to utilize new process is January 1, 2020*



All EMS agency personnel (career, volunteer, certified, non-certified [*drivers/auxiliary*] and Operational Medical Directors) are required by Virginia Administrative Code 12VAC5-31-540 to submit fingerprints for a criminal history background check, no more than 60 days prior to the individual's affiliation with the EMS agency.

Starting January 1, 2020, the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) will no longer process ink and paper fingerprint cards for background checks. The OEMS will be utilizing the state contractor FieldPrint to collect and submit electronic fingerprints for regulatory required background checks.

To submit your fingerprints, please visit the Virginia Office of EMS website, select the Regulation & Compliance Division, then select the [Fingerprint Submission](#) tab. Then, you'll answer a couple quick and simple questions to obtain your appropriate FieldPrint code. Next, follow the onscreen link to FieldPrint and schedule your appointment to submit your fingerprints.

FieldPrint assures that all areas of the Commonwealth are within 40 miles of a FieldPrint location. Should a FieldPrint location not be close enough or has limited operating hours, you can apply for an exception to receive and return a paper card completed by your local law enforcement agency, via FieldPrint. Please contact the Regulation and Compliance Division at 804-888-9130 for further instructions, PRIOR to scheduling your FieldPrint appointment.

*Agencies do not have to wait until January 1, 2020 to begin using this process. Agencies can now begin using this process; however, all agencies MUST utilize this new process by January 1, 2020.*

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### 2 thoughts on “New Process for Virginia Office of EMS Fingerprint-Based Background Checks – Deadline to utilize new process is January 1, 2020”

1. Jason Kinlaw says:  
December 2, 2019 at 8:43 pm

Is this the only process accepted? Do DoD background checks satisfy the requirement?

Reply marianhunter says:  
December 3, 2019 at 9:31 am

Hello Jason,  
Per the Code of Virginia and the Virginia Administrative Code, this is the acceptable process for an individual seeking EMS certification or affiliation within the Commonwealth of Virginia for eligibility to be determined.

However, an EMS agency located in a locality having a local ordinance adopted in accordance with §§ 15.2-1503.1 and 19.2-389 of the Code of Virginia, shall require an applicant for employment or to serve as a volunteer to submit fingerprints and provide personal descriptive information to be provided directly to the Central Criminal Records Exchange to be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history records information for the applicant. The Central Criminal Records Exchange shall, upon receipt of an applicants records or notification that no record exists, forward the results of the state and national records search to the county, city, or town manager or chief law-enforcement officer for the locality, or his designee, shall notify the Office of Emergency Medical Services regarding the applicants eligibility for certification or affiliation in accordance with the requirements related to disqualifying offenses set forth in regulations of the Board.

No other criminal records checks or processes are allowed by regulation or law.

Reply