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PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING

Presentation of The Colors

Culpeper County Minutemen

National Anthem

LT Melvin White, Culpeper County Sheriff's Office

Welcome

Amy Frazier, President/CEO
Culpeper Chamber of Commerce

Invocation

Pastor Ron Young
Alum Spring Baptist Church

DINNER

Appreciation Awards Presentation

Jeff Say, UVA Health Culpeper Medical Center

Valor Awards Presentation

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Thank You's

Amy Frazier, President/CEO
Culpeper Chamber of Commerce



Culpeper County Volunteer Fire Department

Co. #1

151-153 West Davis Street

Culpeper, VA 22701

540-825-8877

The Culpeper Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1924. We have served the Town and County continuously for 99 years. We currently operate a Rescue Engine, 100' Aerial/Tower, two Engines, Brush Truck, Command and Chief's car. The first firehouse was built on the West Davis Street lot just behind the A. P. Hill building in 1903. That building was later razed to make room for the Municipal Building (now occupied by county offices) in 1924. The Fire Company occupied the ground floor of the Municipal building until 1960. In 1960 we relocated to where we are today after the old Methodist Church sanctuary on West Davis Street was razed and the firehouse was built.

We serve and provide emergency fire response to 19,000 residents in the Town and 33,000 in the county. We cover 300 square miles of Culpeper County. Other value we add is Public Education Demos, Station tours, Fire Prevention speaking with over 700 pre-school and elementary aged school children annually, Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out with Town PD, Blue and Red Santa with Town PD/Brandy Station FD providing 150 children with essentials and toys as part of the Christmas holidays concluding with all families being provided a hot breakfast and an opportunity to visit with Santa. This partnership with Town PD/Brandy Station VFD and Culpeper, we also provide children in need with clothes and school supplies in all the elementary schools.

Our special events and fundraising programs include a Raffle, Parade, Carnival in May, participate in the Chamber's CulpeperFest in June, support 4th of July fireworks event, Mailout in September, and the Culpeper Baptist Church Touch-a-Truck in October.





Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department

Co. #2

19601 Church Road

Brandy Station, VA 22714

540-825-1555

The Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department has been protecting and serving the Brandy Station and Culpeper communities since 1951.

Our volunteers answered a total of 558 emergency calls with an average response time of 5 minutes in 2022. We participated in 945 non-emergency events during the year that included duty crews, work details, community events, trainings, truck standbys, and various meetings. Our department logged 926 hours of training. Total volunteer man hours for our department in 2022 was 13,028.

We feel it is extremely important that we are active in our community beyond just answering emergency calls. We provide fire prevention and fire safety classes to a wide range of churches, youth groups, daycares, and elementary schools. Not limited to just Brandy Station but also throughout Culpeper County. We provided fire demonstrations and classes for our local businesses. We conduct an open house every October to allow the community to come meet us and see what we do. We have recently started a Junior Rookie Camp program to teach kids, ages 6-15, about what it is to be a firefighter and the what, why, and how we protect the community. In 2022 we had 30 campers participate and doubled that number this past month. We also hold an annual Christmas tree lighting and light show every holiday season for our community to come see and enjoy.

Along with community outreach programs we hold multiple fundraisers throughout the year that include our 4-day Fireman's Fair and parade, Annual Car Show, raffle giveaways, and Auxiliary dinners.





Richardsville Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

Co. #6

29361 Eley's Ford Road

Richardsville, VA 22736

540-399-1890

As of June 21, 2023, we celebrated our fifty-third (53) year of service to our community and Culpeper County. We are most grateful for the selfless dedicated men and women of our Company who leave whatever activity they are engaged in to answer the call. It is unique individuals indeed who are willing to sacrifice their own personal time to ensure they answer the call when their neighbors have an emergency. Our agency has a membership of fifty-four volunteers, four fire apparatus, two ambulances, three response/support vehicles, and an all-terrain specialty vehicle. In addition to our State certified Fire and EMS providers, Richardsville has the only Water Rescue team in Culpeper County. The team boasts nine certified "Swift Water Rescue" providers, boat drivers and support personnel trained in "Swift Water Basics." The team is equipped with a motorized Zodiac, ten canoes, and various forms of safety and life-saving equipment.

Richardsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue prides itself on being good stewards of taxpayers' funding. Whenever possible, we apply for Federal, State and Local grants to alleviate the burden on the taxpayers of Culpeper County. We have just taken possession of our latest grant acquisition; Medic 6-1 funded by a State "Rescue Squad Assistance Fund" grant for 80% of the purchase price of \$263K. Over the past ten years we have successfully been awarded over \$700K in grants.



In 2022, Richardsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue responded to 100% of their 68 fire, motor vehicle crashes and water rescue calls and 99.4% of their 308 emergency medical calls with a staffed ambulance. The agency's first due area covers 119 square miles and includes Richardsville, Lignum, Batna Road and part of Elkwood (Edwards Shop, Madden's Tavern and Myersville). The agency also provided mutual-aid to Orange and Spotsylvania Counties during 2022. Last, but certainly not least, our Auxiliary members have earned a reputation for serving outstanding meals, taking care of our members during emergency calls, and sponsoring various seasonal activities to serve all the families of our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to highlight our organization at this event and thank you for honoring their hard work and dedication.





Salem Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Co. #8

13428 Scotts Mill Road

Culpeper, VA 22701

540-825-8112

The Salem Volunteer Fire Department is a 501(c) (3) organization founded in 1979 by members of the local community. For 44 years the Salem Volunteer Fire Department has proudly served Culpeper County by answering calls for assistance with fire and emergency medical service needs of all types. We operate services to western Culpeper County as well as mutual aid to other areas in Culpeper and surrounding counties. Approximately seventy-nine (79) volunteers staff the department. In 2022, the department received 725 calls for service, 572 were EMS and 153 were Fire. We have different classifications of memberships which consist of active Firefighter, active EMS, active Associate, and active Junior. We are always looking for new members to join our team. If you are interested and would like to be part of our special team, please stop by the station, or contact us at 540-825-9112 for a membership application.

With the new gaming opportunities in Virginia, and the onset of COVID, it became apparent that bingo as a fundraiser was no longer viable. Therefore, we had to develop new fundraising ideas for 2022 and beyond. The department held eight (8) dances, a car show, a golf tournament, both a residential and corporate mailout campaign and our annual Santa Breakfast. The department relies on fundraising events, donations from the community, and grants to be able to purchase lifesaving equipment to put back into our community.

In 2022, the Salem Volunteer Fire Department was awarded two (2) grants. A grant was received from REC which was used to purchase four (4) thermal imaging cameras and from the LOEB Foundation to replace our outdated Canteen Unit. In May 2022, we purchased a 2004 E-One Rescue Engine from the Marshall Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department. It is utilized for fire suppression and carries extrication equipment. Rescue Engine 8 officially went into service in early December 2022. In March of 2023, we purchased a 2012 Freightliner Step Van from Catch the Chef. Canteen 8 is utilized for rehabilitation and mass casualty incidents in Culpeper County or where requested. Canteen 8 will be going into service soon. The Salem Volunteer Fire Department takes pride in being a part of the Culpeper landscape and contributing to our community.





Little Fork Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Co. #9

6011 Rixeyville Road

Rixeyville, VA 22737

540-937-7717

Since 1994, the mission of Little Fork Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company (Company 9) members has been to protect the quality of life, and the social, economic, and environmental infrastructure of the northern end of Culpeper County. Our main activities are to provide fire and rescue emergency services that achieve this mission. As a part of these activities, we respond, to major emergency incidents in Culpeper, Fauquier, and Rappahannock Counties. We also offer the only Technical Large Animal Rescue Team (TLART) in the Commonwealth of Virginia. That team and equipment is available to respond to calls across Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia for equine, bovine, and other animal-related emergency incidents.

Little Fork Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company is a 100% volunteer organization. For the past 11 years, the Company has been one of the few fire and rescue companies in Virginia to respond to 100% of its fire and rescue dispatches. Our personnel provide the primary response to emergency incidents within a 60 square mile area serving a population of approximately ten thousand, with the projection of being over fourteen thousand within the next few years.

Currently, Little Fork Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company 9 has 102 members and responded to 832 incidents in 2022. The company saved \$4,882,000 in property in the calendar year and an additional \$96,000 of saved livestock value. The volunteers expended over 8,300 hours on incidents alone. This does not include the training and administrative hours.

We are continually looking for ways to assist not only our community members in emergent times but also ways to build pathways for our children and the future of our community as a whole. If you would like to join our team and be a part of our mission, visit <https://littleforkvfr.org> for more information.

Little Fork Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company raises funds through the Warrenton Hunt Point to Point Races, Little Fork VFRC Annual Spring Trail Ride, Fill the Boot for LFVFRC, and Give Local Piedmont.





Rapidan Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Co. #10

9729 Locust Dale Road

Rapidan, VA 22733

540-672-5744

Rapidan Volunteer Fire Department is in the southern end of Culpeper County and was founded in 1978. At that time, they ran 8 calls a year. The department provides 100% volunteer fire responses still to this day.

Fast forward to 2023, we respond to approximately 180 calls a year. Our department has 21 volunteers that includes active firefighters, associates, and lifetime members.

In 2022, we responded to 182 calls and our members logged 7,149 hours that include, meetings, calls, training, and staffing.

Our station has 4 firetrucks, 3 support trucks, and 1 specialty apparatus we acquired in 2016. Light/Air 10 is Rapidan's specialty apparatus. It has an onboard compressor system that allows an unlimited amount of air capacity to fill cylinders and cascade systems on other apparatus. In addition, it has 5 firefighter's SCBA fill stations that fill within 3 minutes. 50 reserve cylinders are also carried on this truck. Our L/A is equipped with two light towers and countless portable scene lights, it is well positioned for large scale incidents and working fires.

Rapidan VFD hosts several dinners, raffles, and events to fundraise for our building and other needs of our department. Follow our Facebook page to see our upcoming events.

The Rapidan Volunteer Fire Department is dedicated to serving our community. We are always looking for support members and active firefighters to join. Our department offers many incentives for our volunteers. If you are interested in giving back to your community, visit our monthly business meeting on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Our station is located at 9729 Locust Dale Rd. Rapidan, Va. 22733. For more information about our department, visit our Facebook page or our website at rapidanfire.com.





Culpeper County Emergency Services

Co. #12

18230 Birmingham Road

Culpeper, VA 22701

540-547-3747

Culpeper County Emergency Services is comprised of full time Emergency Medical Technicians, Firefighters and Emergency Management Professionals. We staff three Medic units around the clock to provide Advanced Life Support services to the Citizens and visitors of Culpeper County. Our team has a total of 33 people. During the calendar year of 2022 our department ran 6,081 calls.

We also provide Emergency Management Services to the County. Every year, the citizens of Culpeper County face potential disasters and emergencies and their consequences. We do not always know when emergencies or disasters will occur but if we plan ahead and know what to do before they happen, we will be better prepared to face them. Disasters can be acts of nature such as tornadoes, floods, and winter storms, or man-made events such as a hazardous materials spill, failure of a utility system, or an act of terrorism.

The Office of Emergency Management Services is responsible for providing community outreach in disaster preparedness. Other responsibilities include:

- Coordinating countywide response to a disaster situation
- Ensuring disaster assistance is available to all government agencies, businesses, and citizens of Culpeper
- Providing assistance to managers of various county agencies playing key roles in disaster response and recovery operations.





Reva Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Co. #16

18230 Birmingham Road

Culpeper, VA 22701

540-5473747

The Reva Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company was founded in 1995 and has grown from a small group running out a member's garage to a group of more than 90 members. We have about 40 fire and EMS personnel, 20 support members and over 30 lifetime retired members. As one of the younger departments in the county, several of our charter members are still active in the organization. The first ambulance and fire apparatus were donated by other departments and now the fleet includes a command vehicle, 2 response/utility vehicles, 2 ambulances, a brush truck, a tanker, a wagon, and a rescue engine.

Last year, Reva Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company responded to 307 fire calls and 163 EMS.

Reva Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company is committed to protecting the life and property of the citizens of Culpeper County and the surrounding areas, to provide instruction and demonstrations in life and fire safety to the public, and to promote positive working relationships between all county fire & rescue companies.





Culpeper County Public Safety Communications Center

132 W Davis Street
Culpeper, VA 22701
540-727-7900

The Culpeper County Public Safety Communications Center was established in 1998 and operated from the old dispatch center across from the courthouse. In 2005 the new dispatch center finished construction and has been operational since. In 2022, their 17 staff members answered 118,000 calls.

Smart911 is a free service used by public safety agencies across the country to enhance communication and response for their community. It can be used by 9-1-1 agencies to quickly send first responders to the location of an emergency with more information, by emergency management to better plan for and respond to disasters, and by municipalities to send emergency notifications to their citizens.

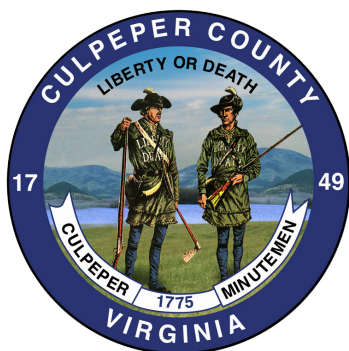
By creating a Safety Profile for your family, you are providing potentially life-saving information to public safety officials at the time when they need it most.

Smart911 is available to all citizens for free to enhance 9-1-1 emergency services. The Safety Profile you create through Smart911 can include as much or as little information as you would like to provide about your household that you want 9-1-1 to have in the event of an emergency. For example, information about pets, medical history, etc. When an emergency call is made, your profile is immediately delivered to the 9-1-1 dispatcher, resulting in far greater emergency response effectiveness and saved lives.

Culpeper County Public Safety Communications Center has partnered with Rave Mobile Safety to provide an emergency alert system capable of delivering messages to your Culpeper County and personal email addresses, as well as your landline and cell phone.

Some examples of when Rave would be used include evacuation notices, gas leaks, chemical spills, blizzards, or hurricanes. Online Registration is easy at Smart911.com. For those that do not have Internet Access, please call our non-emergency number (540) 727-7900 to sign-up over the phone.





Culpeper County Animal Services

10144 James Monroe Highway
Culpeper, VA 22701
540-547-4477

We were founded in 1995 as a small county agency of 3 employees that has grown along with our beloved county to an 8-person department employing five full-time officers and three members of our shelter staff team.

The department as a whole seeks to serve the needs of our citizens and their pets, as well as stray animals in need of a forever home. Our officers responded to approximately 1400 calls for service during 2022 and are available 24 hours a day. Our shelter staff cares for all the animals in county custody and maintains and operates the county animal shelter which is open to the public six days a week.

We hold several special animal adoption events throughout each year in cooperation with several local agencies and businesses alike.





Culpeper Town Police Department

740 Old Brandy Road
Culpeper, VA 22701
540-727-3430

The Town of Culpeper Police Department was founded on June 15, 1956 when Roy F. Jamison was named Chief of the Culpeper Police. At the time, the Town of Culpeper was just under 1 square mile, its population just over 2,500 people, and it had a single manually operated stoplight that sat at the intersection of Main St and Davis St.

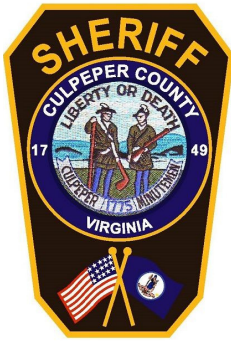
In the 67 years since, the Culpeper Police Department has been served by 6 Chiefs of Police, has grown to 48 sworn personnel, the Town is now 7.3 square miles, and the Town's population over 20,000 people. The Culpeper Police Department was first internationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA) in 2005 and then again in 2008. They received Advance Accreditation in 2011, 2014, 2017, and in 2021 with Meritorious Achievement. In 2010 the agency moved from their original home on E Cameron St across from the Culpeper County Courthouse to their current home, the Roscoe H. Ford building on Old Brandy Rd.

In 2022, Culpeper Police Department officers responded to 17,228 calls for service; 8,942 officer initiated calls; 25,744 safety patrols; and 311 administrative requests. Officers filed 2,855 incident reports and investigated 279 crimes against persons, 644 crimes against property, 171 crimes against society, and 294 reportable vehicle crashes.

The Culpeper Police Department is a community policing-oriented agency. Our officers and staff participate in countless community events, organizations, and coalitions throughout the year. Highlights include:

- Neighborhood Watch Program, Combined Neighborhood Watch Meeting, National Night Out
- Mental health Co-Responder Program
- Law Enforcement Explorer Program
- Hidden in Plain Sight (HIPS)
- Blue and Red Santa Project
- Culpeper Virginia Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force
- Pack the Patrol Car (annual school supplies fundraiser)





Culpeper County Sheriff's Office

14023 Public Safety Court
Culpeper, VA 22701
540-727-7520

The Culpeper County Sheriff's Office is a Nationally Accredited full-service Law Enforcement Agency that is committed to safety and service.

As a full-service agency, the Culpeper Sheriff's Office consists of multiple divisions which include: Law Enforcement (Patrol), Criminal Investigations, School Resource Officers (SROs), Courts Security, Jail, Civil Process, Records Center, supervision of the E911 Center, Professional Standards and Support Staff. There are also many specialty units within the office that our deputies receive extensive training on to perform at a moments notice. Some of those specialties include: S.W.A.T., Motor Deputies, Bicycle Patrol, Project Lifesaver, Drone Operator and Forensics. This is not including all the specialty instructorships that our deputies maintain within the office. Some of those instructorships included: Firearms, Emergency Pursuit Driving, Defensive Tactics, D.A.R.E., Less Lethal Munitions, K9, Active Shooter, Speed Measurement, Tactical Field Force and many more.

The Culpeper County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the 383 square miles and approximately 53,000 residents which make up Culpeper County and is dedicated to our community.

Additionally, each year we participate in over 400 special events and sponsor and manage a sizable number of community programs and events. Some of those include the Sheriff's Youth Sports Camps which comprise of football, cheer, soccer, baseball, softball and new this year is basketball. Other programs included are our Santa Cop Program, Project Lifesaver, House of Worship Watch, Business Watch, Sheriff's Cadet

Program, Sheriff's Youth Law Enforcement Academy, D.A.R.E., Virginia Rules, Culpeper Tow Board, Charity Basketball Game and the everyone's favorite the Culpeper Christmas Parade.

Under the leadership of Sheriff Scott Jenkins, the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office strives to maintain the highest level of readiness. This is done through training and partnerships with other agencies throughout the wide spectrum of government. This allows our Office to provide the best trained and equipped Law Enforcement possible for the citizens of Culpeper County; providing them with the safety they need to enjoy their home and families while they reside in Culpeper.





Virginia State Police

15139 State Police Road
Culpeper, VA 22701
540-829-7415

"In 1932 inspectors became empowered to enforce criminal codes, as well as motor vehicle codes. In doing so legislators created a state enforcement group with the power to arrest anywhere in Virginia. A mobile enforcement agency was now ready for duty wherever civil strife or emergency conditions might exist that would warrant police personnel to ensure peace and security." Virginia State Police just celebrated 90 years serving the Commonwealth as a law enforcement agency in 2022. Our local area office is Area 15 which encompasses Culpeper, Madison, and Orange counties. Area 15 is allotted 16 troopers to cover the three counties.

We have 10 Troopers, 2 Sergeants, 1 First Sergeant, and 1 Secretary. In 2022, they answered 8288 calls for service and self-initiated incidents.

Our troopers have attended numerous safety talks and community events at schools, churches, local organizations, Special Olympics, National Night Out, etc. to name a few. As well as traffic control for numerous community events such as the Air Fest, President Bidens visit, Montpelier races and many more.





PHI AirCare 6

112469 Beverly Ford Rd Hanger J6
Brandy Station, VA 22714
800-421-6111

PHI Air Medical has been in operation since 1949. In 1981 PHI introduced Aeromedical Services, now called PHI Air Medical, one of the fastest-growing providers of EMS helicopter support in the nation. Fast forward to 2021, AirCare 6 based at Culpeper Airport became the sixth PHI Air medical helicopter base to serve VA and Maryland.

In 2022, PHI AirCare 6 provided 250 transports, not including other requests for service. They also offer Community and EMS Education and Blood drive sponsorships.

They support multiple community events annually by attending with their aircraft; CulpeperFest, Airfest, Culpeper Night Out event, and school events.





Virginia Conservation Police

1320 Belman Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
540-899-4169

The Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is responsible for managing inland fisheries, wildlife, and recreational boating for the Commonwealth of Virginia. We lead wildlife conservation and inspire people to value the outdoors and their role in nature. We have been serving the state to enforce hunting, fishing, and boating laws since 1910 with Conservation Police Officers (formerly known as "Game Wardens") vested with full law enforcement authority.

Currently, four officers serve Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Green, and Madison counties. Two additional officers will be added in mid-July, with one dedicated to serving Culpeper. In 2022, we answered 835 calls.

DWR provides hunter education and workshops, boater safety classes, and kid's fishing programs. We offer public events to support hunting and fishing education as requested by constituents.



With great respect and honor, we
thank you for your service, feats of
bravery, and everyday heroism.

Your actions in this community do not
go unnoticed and have genuinely
made a difference.



Thank you!

On behalf of our Members,
Our Board, and our Staff





Culpeper County Public Safety Communications Center Valor Award Recipients

On September 19, 2022 just after staff finished eating lunch after a busy day so far, at 1:42 pm Richard received a call from a male voice reporting an active shooter at Eastern View High School. The caller advised that 24 Students had been shot in one classroom, then the caller gave the room number and the location inside of the school. He also advised that he had shot 80 rounds.

Everyone just stop and think about what is going through Richards mind at this point. You know he is thinking about his kids, all the kids of our employees, the kids of our law enforcement partner, teachers, friends.

Richard, Erica, Cherie, went right into action and didn't miss a beat.

Richard tried to keep the caller on the line while making notifications to all our public safety partners, but the caller would not say on the line and hung up. The E911 Team continued to make notifications/ dispatching law enforcement, Fire and EMS. Notifications to other schools outside of Public Schools. All while the phone lines are ringing off the hook.

Kennan was off duty while shopping at Target, overhearing an employee state that there was an active shooter at Eastern View High School, Kennan walked right back out of the store and came into the 911 Center to assist the Team.

Nine - 911 lines and 15 administrative lines all ringing at once, Public Safety partners calling for updates due to the busy radio traffic. Then all the parents calling needed to know where to go to pick up their kids. Then the second wave of angry parents calling in because it's taking too long, they want to know what is going on.

All while continuing to document law enforcement's movement inside the school. And fielding all the phone calls coming into the center.

We must not forget about the other calls for service that are coming in for other emergencies around the Town and County.

Team Culpeper Displayed Exceptional Performance during a High-Risk Incident

This call turned out to be a swatting call;

Swatting is a term used to describe the action of making hoax phone calls to report serious crimes to emergency services. People who carry out a swatting prank call aim to fool emergency services into sending a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team to respond to the supposed emergency.

This same incident also happened at the following schools in Virginia, Fairfax, Loudoun, Charlottesville, Norfolk, Fauquier, and Lynchburg.

Thank you to;

Erica Preston – ECOIII Shift Supervisor

Richard Moylan – ECOII Communications Training Officer

Kennan Allison – ECOII Communications Training Officer

Cherie Field – ECOI

For an outstanding job!

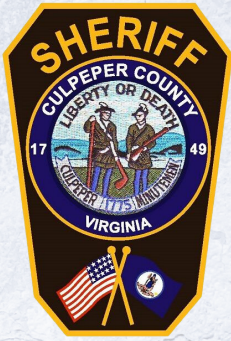
Thank you,

William E. Martin, Jr., Director

Culpeper County Public Safety Communications Center







Culpeper County Sheriff's Office Valor Award Recipients

On May 30th, 2022 **Dep. N. Earnshaw** (now SGT N. Earnshaw) was dispatched to Dulaney Road for a drowning. Upon arrival Dep. N. Earnshaw observed Kayla and Chase Blase performing CPR on Dakota Blase who is their 3-year-old son. Dep. N.

Earnshaw approached Dakota as he was laying on his back, unresponsive and his lips were turning blue. Dep. N. Earnshaw rolled Dakota onto his side and delivered several back blows before Dakota expelled blood and other bodily fluids from his nose and mouth and began to breathe but his breathing was labored. Dakota continued to expel blood and bodily fluids from his mouth and nose as Dep. N. Earnshaw carried him to EMS personnel who began rendering medical aid to Dakota.

Dakota was transported to the UVA Charlottesville Hospital via Aircare. Dep. N. Earnshaw transported Kayla there since she did not have any other form of transportation available at the time.

Dakota has made a full recover from this incident and living a happy and healthy life.





Culpeper Town Police Department Valor Award Recipients

It is with great pleasure and admiration that I recommend a team of officers involved in the remarkable incident that occurred on July 26, 2022, at 801 James Madison Highway (Walmart) for the prestigious Culpeper Chamber of Commerce

2023 Appreciation and Valor Award. This incident stands as a shining example of courage, skill, and unwavering dedication to public service.

An employee of the business, found himself in a distressed situation when he suffered a self-inflicted stab wound to his abdomen. The citizen was experiencing a mental health crisis as many of our officer's encounter on a weekly basis. When confronted with the stabbing situation, the officer's swift and decisive actions demonstrated exceptional valor. Through the coordinated effort of this commendable team the citizen's life was saved.

Responding swiftly, a team of officers, led by **Officer Kenny Argueta, Matthew Hayes,** and **Miller Torrance** secured the scene and promptly initiated first aid. The wound, sustained by the citizen was actively bleeding, indicating the severity of the situation.

Officer Torrance, equipped with a trauma kit, quickly accessed the necessary supplies, including Quick Clot gauze, to address the wound. Working seamlessly as a team, Officer Hayes skillfully packed the wound while Officer Torrance ensured the utmost care was provided.

The officers maintained a calm and controlled environment, ensuring the safety of all involved. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) stood ready nearby, awaiting confirmation that the scene was secure. Once deemed safe, EMS took charge and transported the distressed party to Culpeper Hospital, followed by further care at the University of Virginia Charlottesville Hospital. This exceptional display of bravery, teamwork, and prompt medical attention is a testament to the outstanding dedication and compassion exhibited by these officers. Their actions

reflect the highest standards of valor and are deserving of the upmost appreciation.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Settle
Chief of Police





Little Fork Volunteer Fire & Rescue Valor Award Recipients

During the month of May 2023, the following anonymous Facebook post was received by Little Fork's Facebook administrator. Upon review, the Chief approved the publication of the following post.

"I just wanted to thank the people who volunteer here (Little Fork) for listening to my needs as my life was in their hands. They came to my house (multiple times) and I just wanted to tell everyone thank you for saving my life. Not only did you save me and help me, but someone sat at the hospital with me when I was scared, and that young lady then continued to tell the doctors and nurses something I told her that was extremely hard for me to admit.

I know I wasn't believed in the beginning but if it wasn't for these people saving my butt and this young woman believing in me, I wouldn't be here today.

I'm now a year clean and sober!!!

Thank you guys for believing in me. Thank you for pushing me. Thank you for holding my hand getting me through it all. I am sorry for what I put you all through, but you continued to save my life even though I wasn't taking care of it.

You all are amazing, and you really do care, ... that's what makes you amazing!!"

First, it must be stated that it is important to honor and protect the anonymity of the patient involved in this incident. After in-depth research, the incident was identified. Here are the details that we can release.

In mid-summer of 2022, Little Fork was dispatched to a medical emergency in our primary response area. The responding ambulance crew consisted of **EMT Brianna Rossignol** and her driver, **Firefighter Eldon Frederick**. Upon arrival, the patient was met in the yard and immediately placed in the ambulance to be transported to the Emergency Department. The patient was hysterically complaining of chest pains and felt like they were "burning up from the inside". The patient was

evaluated by the crew. EMT Rossignol began calming the patient and took her vitals. The patient had been in a recovery program and had attended a session that morning. She came home and “did not feel right” and took some unknown pills that someone had given her. The patient confided that she was anxious due to the symptoms as well as had additional stress for getting into trouble for taking the pills.

EMT Rossignol utilized calming techniques throughout the incident thus reducing the patient’s stress. In fact, she quickly built a level of trust by showing genuine compassion and empathy. Upon arrival at the Emergency Department, EMT Rossignol became the patient’s advocate and stayed with her until they finished evaluating the patient and began treatment.

Obviously, there is more to this story, details that cannot be shared but the end result is that two people decided to stay, support, comfort and advocate for this patient when they realized that routine care would not be enough. There are several definitions and levels of valor and lifesaving actions. To some this would not be valorous but to this one person, their life is saved and forever changed. This incident is an example of a crew going above and beyond where their actions saved a citizen’s life, exemplifying community service and what all of us in the fire/EMS service strive to do. Sometimes it only takes the efforts of a few to make a positive, lasting impact on an entire community.





Reva Volunteer Fire & Rescue Valor Award Recipients

On September 17th 2022, at 10:27 am, **EMT David Zager** was planning to go out of town to enjoy some vacation time with his family. However, before he left Reva's service area, he witnessed an accident on Route 29 at White Shop Road. David not only reported the accident but also stopped with his family and rendered aid.

Since David was with his family in his personal vehicle, he was under no obligation to stop. David completed an assessment of the patient and provided BLS care. David also completed the ambulance crew on scene and drove Ambulance 16 to the landing zone to meet AirCare 6.

David is a veteran and came to us with no EMS training. He took the first Emergency Vehicle Operator class and EMT class available and now serves as one of our BLS attendants and drivers. He has been a member for almost three years.





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**Captain J.J. Galvin, Lt. Matthew Malcolm, Lt. Eric Neese,
Firefighter/EMT Gavin Morrison, Firefighter/EMT Joey
Galvin, Firefighter/EMT Robert Frye, Firefighter Jesse Hupko**

On the evening of June 1, 2022, we were dispatched for a vehicle accident with unknown injuries on Cabin Rd. Rescue Engine 16 responded with a crew of 4, Command 16 with Captain 16 on board. LT Neese arrived on the scene in his POV.

RE16 was the first unit to arrive, reported with one vehicle off the road overturned into a fence, tree. The crew from RE16 began to gain access to the vehicle utilizing manpower and chainsaws to remove the heavy amount of brush that surrounded the vehicle.

We confirmed that one patient was out walking, and one patient was heavily entrapped within the vehicle that was overturned with a fence post protruding through the windshield pinning the occupant within the interior of the vehicle. The patient was alert and talking.

Prior to accessing the vehicle to initiate extrication, RE16 crew stabilized the vehicle utilizing Paratech Rescue Struts, a long line from the winch on the bumper of RE16.

Immediately after Captain 16 arrived he established command, requested an additional engine company, a critical care unit from Madison County and a helicopter.

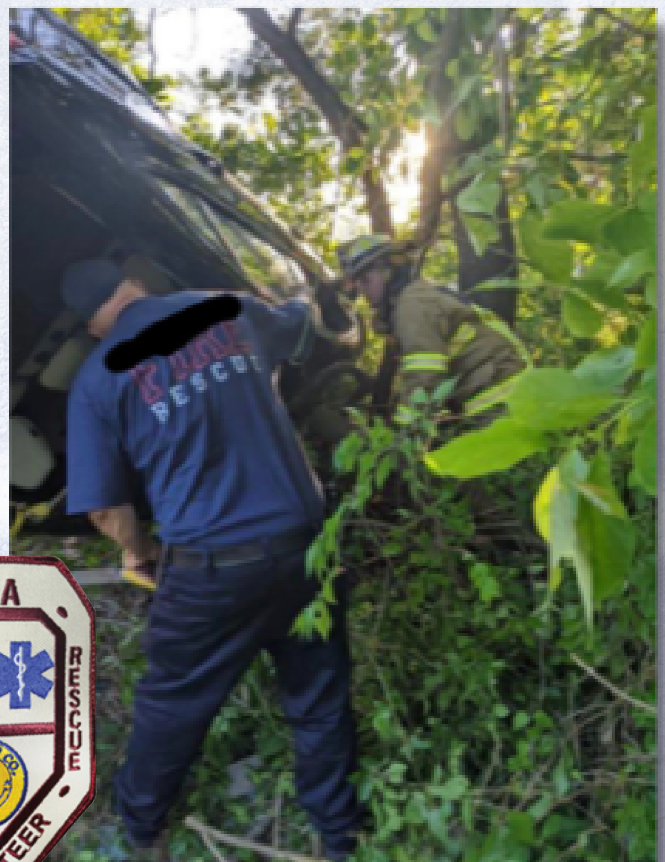
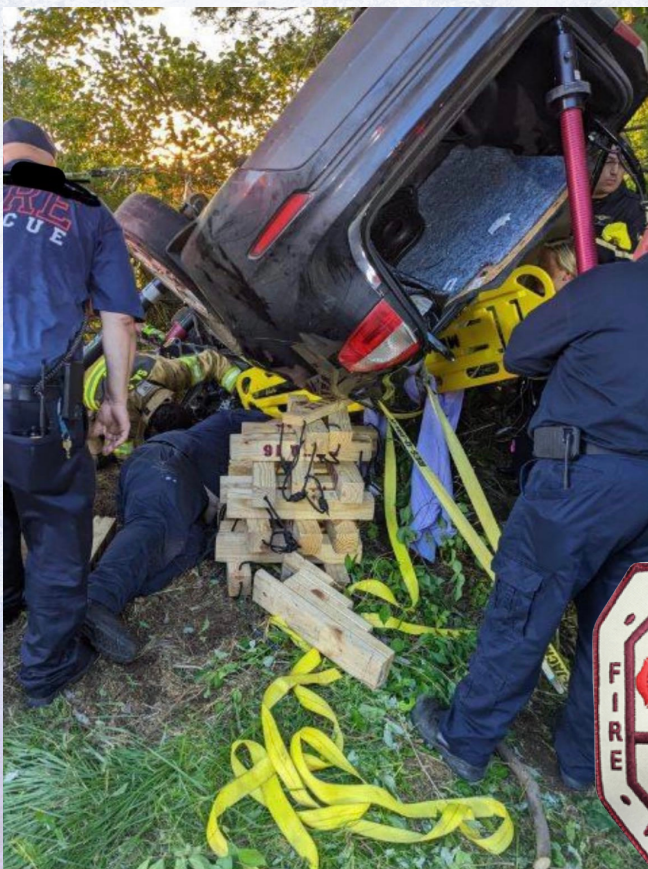
This extrication was extremely intricate due to the vehicle rolling multiple times and a large fence post had entered through the windshield pinning the occupant between the seat, steering wheel, and center console.

While the extrication was in progress all personnel on scene worked as two separate teams on multiple sides of the vehicle as well as EMS crews within the vehicle interior.

The patient received care from a paramedic from Company 12 and a Madison County Emergency Services Critical Care Paramedic and whole blood that was given by the Flight Nurse from the helicopter. Approximately 90 mins after being on scene the patient was safely removed from the vehicle and transported by air to UVA.

This extrication was extremely challenging due to the high temperatures, heavily damaged vehicle. Multiple personnel were being swapped out with rested personnel to reduce the amount of fatigue that all personnel were experiencing.

Multiple agencies on scene came together as one team to make sure that the patient had the best outcome possible. The patient has made a full recovery. It goes without saying that within our service areas. We can always guarantee that all depts will come together as one team to do our jobs to the best of our abilities.



To Those Who Keep Us Safe

*We tend to take for granted
Those things in life that we rely upon
But don't often see.*

*We don't see through the same eyes
Of those who serve or dedicate their lives
To keeping us safe.*

*We don't know the same fears or pains,
The dangers they face or the crosses they bear.
We live our lives in a detached awareness,
A vague oblivion, knowing they are there,
Somewhere, doing something.*

*To those who serve
I honor you and thank you.*

*Forgive my ignorance to those challenges you face,
To the dangers that I could not endure.*

*Thank you for the sacrifices you and your family have made
So that I might have the time and freedom with my own.*

*Know that the blood you have shed,
The long goodbyes and the unseen tears
Are not forgotten nor diminished*

As we honor your dedication to keeping us safe.