Message from the Fire Chief, Tim Prather

It is that time of year again to present to you the 2017 Annual Report for Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services. Because of the dangerous profession we choose to serve, I and many in the fire service considers it a successful year when we complete it without severe injury or loss of life in our ranks while serving our community. With continuing consecutive years of growth in our county that results in continuing increased demand for services, I feel very fortunate to serve as Fire Chief for this wonderful community.

One of the largest anticipated challenges of the year was completing the consolidation of fire services between the City of Canton and Cherokee County. I am very proud of our personnel for this accomplishment and we are very proud to add and serve the City of Canton. We opened two new replacement fire stations and began construction of a third one to replace the old Oak Grove fire station on Bells Ferry Road, completion date, 2018. We graduated 29 paramedics with our “in house” Paramedic Program edging us closer to accreditation status. We also entered into an articulation agreement with Chattahoochee Technical College where they recognize the academics of our paramedic curriculum and allow a significant amount of credits for our employees who seek a college degree. We will receive a summer visit from the EMS Professionals accreditation team of CoAEMPS to review our Paramedic Program with anticipation of receiving accreditation in Fall of 2018. We trained and graduated another recruit firefighter class in June.

With the consolidation of fire services, we added two new Engine Companies, one Ladder Company and a First Response/Rescue vehicle. We added a “Shift Commander” position this year and 12 new firefighter/EMS positions to increase our total field staff to over 350+ personnel serving our community.

In 2018, ISO will be providing us a visit during second quarter to conduct another review for the Public Protection Classification with our goal of an improved rating. We will continue forward with our pursuit to be an internationally accredited fire department by moving into applicant status during summer 2018.

I am very proud and grateful for the success that Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services continues to achieve. We have the greatest team of professionals working hard and serving our citizens every day. It is their sacrifice, dedication and selfless desire to serve that truly identify who we are.

Success could not happen without the solid support of our Citizens, Cherokee County Board Commissioners and County Manager Jerry Cooper. I truly appreciate their support as well. A special thank you to Chairman Buzz Ahrens for his support of our agency and his many years of service to Cherokee County; whose term will come to end of this year.
CHEROKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Raymond Gunnin - District 2
Bob Kovacs - District 3
L.B. "Buzz" Ahrens - Chairman

Steve West - District 1
K. Scott Gordon - District 4
Jerry Cooper - County Manager

Dean Floyd
Division Chief
Facilities & Apparatus

Tim Prather
Fire Chief

Eddie Robinson
Assistant Chief

Shane West
Division Chief
Field Operations

Jill Mabley, M.D.
Medical Director

Danny West
Division Chief
Support Services

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP
YEAR OF GROWTH

According to 2017 estimated population numbers released by the Atlanta Regional Commission, Cherokee County out-paced all other metro counties in growth, adding 7,300 new residents between April 2016 and April 2017.

Jobs growth across the Metro Atlanta Statistical Area created more than 87,000 new positions during the same time period. Chairman Buzz Ahrens attributes Cherokee’s draw to the county’s Unique Selling Points, which include fiscal integrity, sound economic development, and a leadership team dedicated to principled and sustainable growth.

Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services grew to over three hundred and fifty full time firefighters for the first time in the department’s history, added seven fire engines, three pickup trucks, and two ladder trucks to the Field Ops fleet, and invested in upgraded personal protective equipment to help keep firefighters safer as they respond to the growing demands of the community.

Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services merged with the Canton Fire Department in January 2017, taking on the responsibility of providing fire suppression services to the city’s residents in addition to the emergency medical services it previously provided. The consolidation resulted in faster response times overall and the same high level of service excellence residents have come to expect.

Our Mission

To preserve life and property, promote public safety and foster economic growth through leadership, management and actions, as an all-risk life safety response provider.
Explorers sweep Winterfest

In an impressive display of dedication, commitment, and professionalism, Post #469 made history by earning twelve top 3 awards at the 43rd Annual Winterfest Competition in Gatlinburg TN, against the nation's best explorer teams from 17 states; the largest gathering of its kind in the United States.

Manpower Increase

The creation of 3 Shift Commander positions with fully equipped response vehicles ensures that firefighters have increased access to 24 hour guidance on policy, safety, and strategy.

Recruits Uplift Children with Toy Donation

After being notified that the Urgent Care Center was running low on toys for children receiving care, Fire Recruits with Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services traveled to the Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta at Cherokee after organizing a toy drive to help out. Janet Read, Community Outreach Specialist for Children’s Healthcare, said, “On behalf of the Children's at Cherokee Urgent Care, we are very grateful to the recruits.”

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017

Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services enjoys a strong relationship with the community. We are grateful for your continued support of our dedicated firefighters.

Firehouse Subs Donates Water to Cherokee Firefighters

Coca-Cola donates Water & Powerade to Cherokee Firefighters

Heron Pond Subdivision supports Georgia Burn Foundation

CORE Community School helps Safe Kids Cherokee
Fire Department Merger Strengthens Community Response

On September 2nd, 2016, the Canton City Council voted in favor of consolidating the Canton Fire Department with Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services. The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners approved the consolidation and the interagency documentation was signed on September 20th, 2016. On January 1st, 2017 at 7 o’clock in the morning, the field operations personnel officially began their tour of duty as a single fire department serving the 18.73 square miles and 26,340 citizens of the City of Canton.

Firm dedication to a smooth transition was facilitated by joint collaboration between the City and County leadership, IT staff, Human Resources, Support Services, Finance, Executive teams, and field personnel. 23 personnel were successfully transferred to employment with Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services. The CCFES Training Division provided opportunities for the personnel to achieve their required training hours by rank within the 18 month time-frame indicated by the agreement, with current reports indicating nearly all of the required training is already complete.

The apparatus and facilities housing the firefighters have been serviced and upgraded. Station 11 received updates to the sleeping quarters to provide a higher degree of comfort and privacy to firefighters while they rest, and future expansions to the bay will facilitate a higher level of protection from the elements for the apparatus housed at the station.

The level of professionalism and care with which the consolidation has been handled attests to the remarkable inter-agency cooperation, brotherhood and friendship between the City and the County within all levels of the organization, and has resulted in a smooth and seamless transfer of services, which greatly benefits the citizens who rely on the fire service to protect their lives and property.
Public Education and Life Safety Initiatives

The Fire Marshal’s Office made great strides in 2017 to promote fire safety and prevention concepts in our community. Upon receipt of a car seat grant from Graco, Inc., administered by the Safe kids Buckle Up Program, we were able to distribute an additional 55 seats.

The Georgia Department of Public Health "Mini Grant" Car Seat Program allowed us to distribute 10 extra car seats per month throughout the year. As the Safe Kids Program became more mobile, it was necessary to add a new van to the fleet. This new vehicle was funded by Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services and Northside Cherokee Hospital, a proud program community sponsor.

Through the fire service consolidation of City of Canton and Cherokee County we added an additional 3 elementary schools into the public fire education programs offered by the Fire Marshal’s Office. We also started a new program of fire safety consults and fire drill evaluations for area businesses and added an additional certification to current staff as CFPS, Certified Fire Protection Specialist by NFPA.

All Fire Plan Review has been converted to electronic reviews. This saves time (less than 5 days for initial review) and resources in the planning and construction processes for development.

Fire inspectors are equipped with tablets with online access for the completion and email of fire inspection reports while on site. This allows for real-time occupancy updates and clear communication with customers.
OVERALL RESPONSE STATISTICS

In 2017, Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services responded to 26,269 incidents.

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As an All-Hazards Response Agency, Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services is committed to responding to a wide variety of call types. The broad categories shown here (right) show the major call types experienced in Cherokee County and jurisdictions within its borders, and make up the total number of confirmed incidents for 2017. Individual response vehicles left the station 57,617 times in response to calls for service, regardless of whether they were later cancelled en route, staged and then cancelled, or were cancelled and re dispatched to another incident.

Technical Rescue Incidents (left) require an advanced level of training and include large animals, water rescues, rope and high-angle extrication, and responses to hazardous material incidents. Firefighters train hard every month to be adequately prepared for these types of rescue, including a daily fitness routine and annual fitness test to measure their endurance and strength.

Cherokee County firefighters respond to a number of different types of fire related calls (breakdown shown to right). The highest percentage is brush or vegetation fires, followed by fires in structures other than a residential house. This includes barns, out buildings, and non-commercial storage facilities.

* Traditional Average measures the response time at the central value and is calculated by dividing the sum of the values in the set by their number. 90th percentile tracks the response performance of the department to 90% of the incidents we respond to. Cherokee County tracks both metrics for ISO and Accreditation purposes.
OVERALL RESPONSE STATISTICS

As part of our ongoing qualitative and quantitative analysis of incidents, Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services tracks trends in our data using the latest software and processes. Understanding when, where, and how incidents are occurring helps the department position itself to better predict response trends, ensuring that we always stand ready and able to lend a hand effectively and efficiently. Data analytics informs decisions on staffing, resource deployment and placement of new stations.

The majority of fire related calls are difficult to trace back to an exact cause, especially with regards to brush fires, although the top three causes for fires in residential and commercial buildings in Cherokee County during 2017 were cooking related, electrical faults, or improperly discarded smoking material. The importance of properly installed and functional smoke detectors cannot be overstated.

The top three causes of calls for medical emergencies result from chest pain, abdominal pain, or trauma. Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services equips its ambulances with the latest life-saving technology and equipment, providing Advanced Life Support within minutes of the call.

Distribution of Medical Emergency Calls - 2017

Distribution of Residential Fires - 2017
The graph (above) depicts the traditional average emergency response travel time of each individual ambulance. Cherokee County Fire & EMS dispatches an engine and an ambulance to every medical emergency. Every vehicle is equipped with an automated external defibrillator, a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart. The shock can potentially stop an irregular heart beat (arrhythmia) and allow a normal rhythm to resume following sudden cardiac arrest (SCA).

Each year, Cherokee County Emergency Medical Services staff respond to thousands of emergencies in state-of-the-art ambulances, called Squads. From heart attacks and strokes, to motor vehicle accidents and life-threatening trauma, your entire Cherokee County field personnel team is trained to the highest standards as either Paramedic or Emergency Medical Technician. Using the latest drug and treatment protocols under the direction of Medical Control Officers, Cherokee County Squads transported the following numbers of patients to area hospitals:

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<th>Year</th>
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In 2017, Cherokee County EMS experienced a 3.9% increase in transports to area hospitals.
ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT RESPONSE PERFORMANCE

The graph below shows the frequency and the destinations our patients are transported to via ambulance. Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services prides itself on maintaining the highest standards in patient care protocols, under the direction of Dr. Jill Mabery, our esteemed Medical Director. Strategic guidance and knowledge of the capabilities of our area hospitals ensures that our community is provided timely and appropriate care for all their needs.

**Transport Destination by Hospital - 2017**

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CCFES members work together to successfully help motor vehicle accident victims.
The Response times reported here are actual travel time percentiles to confirmed incidents that occurred within the geo-political limits of the named cities. TA - Traditional Average is a measure of central tendency or the common mean (sum of all response times divided by the number of incidents in the set). 90% - 90th Percentile takes into account the performance to 90% of the total number of calls, and is considered a more consistent measure of performance; 90% of the time, CCFES responds within the reported time frame. National goals for response times are sourced from NFPA 1710, which also specifies the recommended number of personnel responding to the scene.
INDUSTRY LEADING STATION DESIGN

In 2014, CCFES assembled a station design team to facilitate the creation of a prototypical fire station that fits the needs of Cherokee County's rapid growth.

The initial building design was predicated on the need for firefighter safety and speed of response to emergency calls.

The final product, implemented for the Ball Ground, Hickory Flat/Holly Springs, and Oak Grove/Acworth communities thus far, is divided into two main sections, the apparatus bay and the living/working area. Both areas are protected by a fire suppression sprinkler system and monitored for smoke, fire, and poisonous gasses to ensure the safety of the occupants and the longevity of our citizen's investment, the structure. The entire station is also equipped with speakers for alerting our firefighters when they need to respond to an emergency.

Our firefighters spend a third of their lives on the job. That means that every third day they come to work for 24 hours and between emergency calls they spend their time training, completing incident reports, maintaining hydrants, pre-incident planning publicly occupied buildings, and sometimes, when the time is right, they enjoy a warm meal and a few hours of rest.

It was important to us to design these stations with all of that in mind. We want to make sure that these men and women have adequate space to get their work done along with the appropriate space to rest between calls so that their bodies are prepared to go back and work some more.

While trying to make these stations a place that the firefighters enjoy being, we also know the importance of being good stewards of our citizens' money. These stations were designed with cost in mind and while the construction cost for a fire station in the Metro-Atlanta area is approximately $327/SqFt, we’re proud to say that we built these stations for approximately $275/SqFt and still created a place that's safe for our firefighters, fast for response to our citizens, and comfortable enough for us to call our second homes.
Physical Resources

FACILITIES & APPARATUS

Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services continually researches and improves the standards of its fire stations, support facilities, and vehicles to ensure the highest possible quality available within budgetary constraints. Stations are strategically placed throughout the 424 square mile service area and are grouped into three geographic divisions called Battalions. These stations serve as a place for firefighters to prepare for the next emergency with fitness equipment, fully equipped kitchens, and rest areas. They incorporate technology that alerts firefighters when they are dispatched, and are meticulously maintained by the firefighters and county maintenance department to ensure longevity and functionality for many years. Vehicle bays are climate controlled with sophisticated vent systems to control carcinogens and toxic fumes in consideration of the provision of a safe working environment.
Physical Resources

FACILITIES & APPARATUS

Station placement and apparatus deployment is analyzed frequently with respect to the broader economic and demographic development of the community to ensure that Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services is strategically planning growth in a sustainable and responsible way. This systematic, data-driven approach ensures that new design and construction echoes the needs of the modern fire service and the community development patterns that directly influence our service delivery. The department makes every effort to continuously upgrade equipment and physical environments, giving our firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics the best opportunity to protect and serve the citizens of our county in support of our mission.
Human Resources

Cherokee County
Coverage Area: 420 sq mi
Population Served: 241,689
Firefighters: 358
Stations: 23
ISO Rating: Class 3

Forsyth County
Coverage Area: 420.9 sq mi
Population Served: 214,775
Firefighters: 115
Stations: 12
ISO Rating: Class 3

Cobb County
Coverage Area: 306.4 sq mi
Population Served: 623,729
Firefighters: 647
Stations: 29
ISO Rating: Class 1

Hall County
Coverage Area: 395.1 sq mi
Population Served: 153,535
Firefighters: 367
Stations: 16
ISO Rating: Class 3

*Coverage Area is defined as the area of responsibility for the reported Fire Department and does not necessarily reflect the entire geo-political region, for example cities providing their own protection are not included in coverage area calculations.
In the pursuit of excellence, Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services places emphasis on the highest standards of professional conduct and training. Firefighters take great pride in enhancing their skills and stepping up to the great responsibility of leadership.

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**Leaders are often apparent long before the title is earned ~ Frank Viscuso**
GEORGIA SMOKE DIVERS

The Georgia Smoke Diver course is a six-day, 60 hour program designed for the experienced firefighter who desires realistic training in self-survival, firefighter rescue, advanced search & rescue, thermal imaging, emergency procedures, teamwork, discipline, team leadership, situational awareness and decision making as well as how to function within the elements of the Incident Command System.

The GSD mission is to prevent death and injury by training firefighters to be adaptable and to develop critical decision making skills in high stress environments. In 2017, two Cherokee County Firefighters joined the ranks of their brothers and sisters in completing the grueling training course. They join over 15 Cherokee County Firefighters who have previously completed the course. Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services recognizes the dedication to enhanced training and a high standard of excellence that these two members have achieved.

Justin Gilleland  GSD 986
Geordan Ganka  GSD 1012

GEORGIA F.L.A.M.E.S.

The Georgia F.L.A.M.E.S (Firefighters Laboring And Mastering Essential Skills) course is designed to test an individual firefighter’s personal limitations when working in high stress situations with limited recuperation periods. It is also designed to test the individuals’ ability to function as part of a team. Team building is a focal point of the course. The successful fire company must function as a team.

Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services existing F.L.A.M.E.S. members welcomed three new graduates to their tribe of seasoned, dedicated, and highly professional firefighters.

Grace Robertson  #253
Geordan Ganka  #260
David Jones III  #259
The foundation of a great fire department is its people. Cherokee County Fire Department is renowned for its innovative and comprehensive fire recruit training program. A new in-house paramedic training system pending national accreditation adds further value to the department, ensuring that our citizens are receiving care through the most cutting edge knowledge available.

**2017 CCFES RECRUIT GRADUATES**

K Bates  
I Bjorklund  
D Davis  
C Doyle  
C Fischer  
O Garcia  
J Gill  
E Goss  
A Hines  
A Hrossowyc  
B Ice

N Leslie  
J Long  
A Mathes  
M Perry  
J Satterfield  
M Turberville  
L Tucker  
T Vermilya  
B Watkins  
S Wilson  
G Wright  
A Wyatt
The Fire Service is a proud and noble calling, rich with traditions and symbolism that tie generations together and unite communities. Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services honors those who came before us every day by upholding the core value of Service Above Self.

Fire Service Symbolism: Meaning of Bugles

In the early days, of North American fire departments, orders were given to the troops, by officers, through the use of a large brass device that resembles a megaphone. These were very ornate brass horns.

They were commonly called “bugles” or speaking trumpets. The person with the bugle hanging from his neck or shoulder was easily identified as the person in charge. Officers became identified with these objects so a small pin in the shape of a bugle became a type of rank insignia for officers. The more “bugles on the collar” the higher the rank. An expression still used today.

Our department bestows a brass bugle upon all retirees to honor them for their contribution to the betterment of their communities through their service to Cherokee County.

TRADITIONS HONOURED

Fire Service Symbolism: Honor Guard

The history of the Fire Service Honor Guard hails from the 11th Century, when a legion of elite troops formed a company to honor their fallen comrades during the crusades.

The modern Fire Service Honor Guard is a highly disciplined and professional group who dedicate themselves to the remembrance of important events occurring in their departments, and serve at a variety of formal ceremonies.

Cherokee County’s Fire Honor Guard has participated at events at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD and Arlington Washington, DC, and at home.
HONOR ROLL

Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services honors the tireless and valuable commitment and contribution of our 2017 retirees.

Division Chief of Operations - Greg Erdely
Division Director of Logistics - Kevin Botts
Fire Marshal - Barry Gibson
Hickory Flat VFD Chief - Larry Berry
Senior Fire Safety Educator - Babette Davis
Fire Equipment Supply Officer - Anthony Payne

Battalion Chief - David Tilson
Lt. Cecil Davis
Lt. Charles Reece
Sgt. Steven Holley
Sgt. David Marshall
FAO Brian Payne

“If I have seen further, it is because I stood upon the shoulders of giants”

~ Isaac Newton
BEYOND THE CALL

Our firefighters are responsible for much more than just responding to calls for service within their communities. In addition to maintaining nearly three hundred hours of required training annually, they maintain the cleanliness of the fire stations, check and inventory the equipment on their apparatus daily, maintain their physical fitness levels, and provide support for public relations events around the county.

While some departments outsource their annual hydrant inspections, Cherokee County firefighters service hydrants while on shift, carefully removing debris, repainting the hydrants and ensuring that they are in proper working order should a fire occur.

Pre-Incident Planning is another critical on-duty task performed by our firefighters, which includes face to face meetings with commercial business owners to gather contact information and to familiarize themselves with the layout of the structure, so we know what to expect in the event of a fire; a practice that helps us serve the community more effectively.

"Before anything else, preparation is the key to success"
~ Alexander Graham Bell
2017 UNSUNG HEROES

Behind the phenomenal team making us proud on the streets and in the community everyday, is a group of seldom-seen, but highly valued personnel who are charged with extensive administrative tasks. They keep the wheels turning by supplying equipment, running data reports, and handling the day-to-day challenges that come with maintaining a large, busy fire department.

Angela Stephens  Danny Daniels  Brian Thomas
Ron Quackenbush  Brian Payne  Kevin Botts  Stuart Vaughn
Steve Lueck  Kathy Lawson  Libby Griffiths
Sara Free  Lisa Marie Wright  Laura King  Tamarin Gullett
Lauren York  Jennifer Blair  Sgt. Scott Townsend
Sgt. Waylon White  Tim Cavender  Cheri Collett  Shane Daniel
Chad Arp  Daniel Baiamonte  Barry Gibson
Michael Priest  Pennie Lamanac  Babette Davis
Capt. Shannon Gibbs  Sgt. Nate Sullivan  Instructor Jim Laughlin
Phillip MacPherson  Capt. Scott Deal  Lt. Gerald Richmond
Lt. Daniel Carder  Sgt. Chris Martin
Department Vision

Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services is committed to providing a superior level of emergency service to the citizens we serve. We will accomplish this by continuing to embrace new technologies, new techniques, national standards and modern research. This will provide for the most successful methods, highest degree of effective results and greatest loss reduction with the utmost safety for our personnel and community. We will continue to foster relationships with internal and external stakeholders to be recognized as a progressive fire service leader and eventually be an accredited organization highly responsive to our community’s need.

Proudly Serving the Citizens of Cherokee County for Over 40 Years.

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