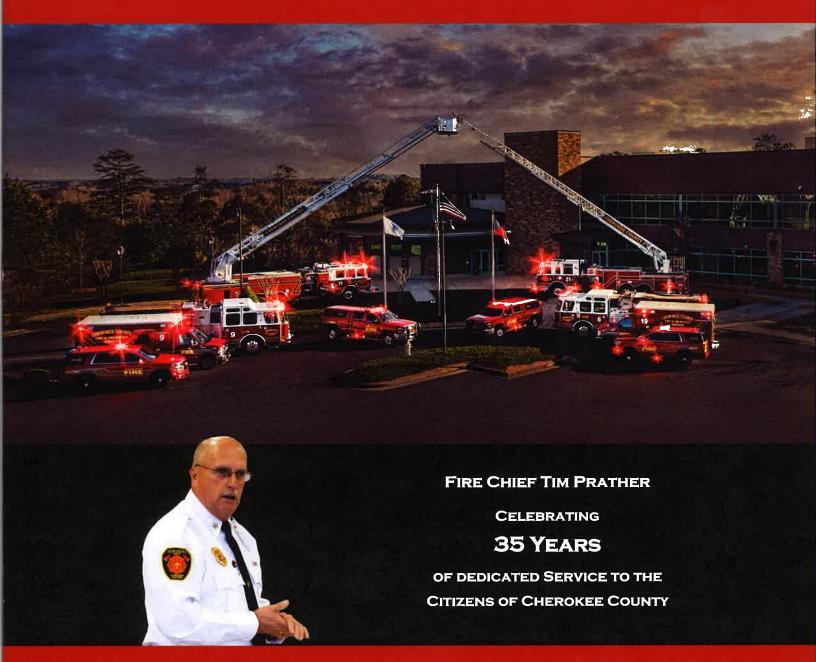
CHEROKEE COUNTY FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



TIM PRATHER, FIRE CHIEF 150 CHATTIN DRIVE CANTON, GA 30115

A CLASS 2/2Y FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHO WE ARE

WHEN OTHERS RUSH OUT...
WE RUSH IN!

WE PUT OUR OWN LIVES IN DANGER TO SAVE OTHERS.

WE HOLD THE HAND OF THE DYING.

WE PRESERVE LIFE AND PROPERTY.

WHEN THE TONES DROP...
WE ARE READY.

WHEN THE FIRE BLAZES...
WE ARE THERE.

WHEN A LIFE HANGS IN THE BALANCE...WE RENDER AID AND OFFER COMFORT.

WE ARE A BROTHERHOOD.

WE ARE BRAVE.

WE ARE STRONG.

WE ARE CCFES!

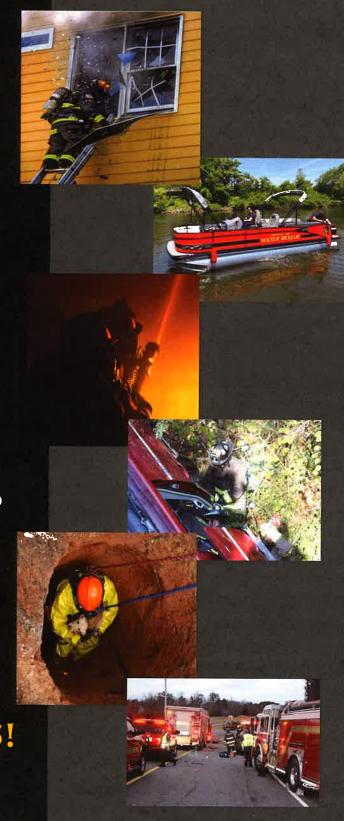


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RETIREMENTS

Chief Prather's career with Cherokee County Began on February 1, 1987.



CHEROKEE COUNTY LEADERSHIP

HARRY JOHNSTON CHAIRMAN

GEOFF MORTON
COUNTY MANAGER

STEVE WEST DISTRICT 1

RICHARD WEATHERBY DISTRICT 2

BENNY CARTER
DISTRICT 3

COREY RAGSDALE
DISTRICT 4













FIRE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP



TIM PRATHER FIRE CHIEF

JILL MABLEY, M.D. MEDICAL DIRECTOR

EDDIE ROBINSON ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

> CHAD ARP FIRE MARSHAL

SHANE WEST
DIVISION CHIEF
FIELD OPERATIONS

SCOTT DEAL TRAINING CHIEF

DEAN FLOYD DIVISION CHIEF COMMUNITY RISK

> MARC LISCIO SUPPORT SERVICES CHIEF

NATE SULLIVAN EMS CHIEF





A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

It is bittersweet for me to present the 2021 Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services Annual Report. This will be my final annual report, as I am retiring in March after a 35-year career with Cherokee County.

2021 was filled with many challenges as we continued working through the COVID pandemic. However, our great team of professionals hunkered down and survived another year with increased incident volume and increased patient transports that came with highly stressful wall times at hospitals. We were also blessed to have another year with none of our fire family lost in the line of duty.

The department saw several improvements and additions this year that will go a long way towards maintaining the level of service that we provide to the Citizens of Cherokee County. Highlights include enhancing cardiac care emergencies with the delivery of eight Lucas Devices that mechanically assist with CPR and have also field tested several mechanically operated Power-Pro Stretchers. The department has plans to have both in-stalled on all ambulances. A Mass Casualty Truck was placed in service that will allow us to be prepared for multi-patient emergencies. Active Shooter response kits were placed on all apparatus along with ballistic vests to ensure the safety of our crews. Two new Fire Engines, three new Ambulances, one new Water Rescue Boat, two new fire props/simulators for vehicle fire and propane fire training placed in service. A new 800 MHz radio system went live for all public safety to strengthen and enhance communications. Blue Card Incident Command System was launched at our new Command Training Center. Construction began on the Training Center expansion that will increase classroom capacity, and we received approval for 18 new firefighter positions.

On the horizon, you will soon see ground breaking for a new fire station in the Mica/Yellow Creek community, land acquisition and construction beginning on a new Sutallee fire station, and planning is underway to expand the Sugar Pike area fire station. The current recruit firefighter class will be graduating in March with a new class starting in April.

It has truly been a great honor to serve as your fire chief for the last ten years, and a remarkable career serving Cherokee County for over 35 years. So much has changed over that period of time. We have grown tremendously from an all-volunteer force in the 1970's, to the Fire & EMS force of nearly 500 career personnel that we are today. This could not have happened without the support of the Board of Commissioners, current and past, and the citizens of Cherokee County. I thank you all very much.

Lastly, I want to thank all of the past and current firefighters in our organization that, through countless hours of hard work and dedication, have brought us to the level of service we provide today. You guys and gal's rock!

Thank you for taking the time to review this annual report.

GOD bless Cherokee County! I will miss you!!

Mission Statement

It is the mission of Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services 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.

Vision Statement

Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services is committed to providing a superior level of emergency services to the citizens we serve. We will do 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 of 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 needs.

Core Values

Integrity: We live according to a code of conduct that governs our behavior both on and off the job.

Honesty: Honest, forthright and truthful in all dealings demonstrates personal integrity.

Respect: We always treat others as we desire to be treated.

Responsible: Trusted to do what is right or to do the things that are expected required, important duties or decisions you are trusted to do.

Service: Above all else, we realize that we are here to meet the needs of the public.

Commitment: A promise to do or give something, to be loyal to someone or something, the attitude of someone working hard to do or support something.

Professionalism: Skills, good judgement and polite behavior that is expected from a person who is trained to do a job well.

ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW

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FIRE FUND	FY 2019	2019 ACTUAL	FY 2.020	2020 Actual	FY 2021	2021 Actual
FIREFIGHTING	26,319,788	25,888,244	27,530,163	27,720,293	31,076,522	30,394,731
FIRE ADMIN	3,860,701	3,557,784	4,493,266	4,493,266	2,995,368	2,777,045
TRAINING	1,383,474	1,383,474	1,499,853	1,499,853	1,722,351	1,582,044
FIRE MARSHAL	471,118	463,752	704,357	704,357	857,754	652,515
FIREIT	452,251	427,892	546,488	546,488	640,018	562,196
FIRE PREVENTION	219,613	179,771	209,028	209,028	281,977	237,492
VOLUNTEERS	153,213	30,961	153,213	18,459	153,213	99,758
HAZMATTEAM	44,621	24,276	44,621	28,662	43,662	20,064
INVESTIGATION	25,033	12,209	30,033	12,623	39,833	17,793
DIVE TEAM	24,973	5,083	24,973	12,410	24,973	16,826
SAR TEAM	15,213	6,703	15,213	9,204	15,213	5,541
ROPE TEAM	12,000	7,875	12,000	8,566	12,000	5,175
TOTAL	32,981,998	31,988,024	35,263,208	35,263,210	37,862,884	36,371,181
FIME EVAL	12 206 407	12 202 249	12 294 769	12 224 762	14002070	12 422 622
EMS FUND	12,306,497	12,292,248	12,284,760	12,284,760	14,003,978	13,432,038

SPLOST DOLLARS AT WORK

SPLOST DOLLARS SPENT IN 2021 \$1,403,069

STATION IMPROVEMENTS:

STATION 5

STATION 13

STATION 15

STATION 29

TACTICAL GEAR

FOR

FIELD OPERATIONS

127 New Sets

OF BUNKER GEAR

TOTAL SPLOST '12

\$33,213

TOTAL SPLOST '18

\$1,369,856

SUPPORT

VEHICLES

TRAINING

CENTER

EXPANSIOIN

2021 HIGHLIGHTS



BLUE CARD INCIDENT
COMMAND SYSTEM LAUNCHED AT THE
NEW INCIDENT COMMAND
TRAINING CENTER
FEBRUARY 2, 2021



MASS CASUALTY TRUCK
PUT INTO SERVICE
MARCH 2021



BATTALION CHIEF CHERI COLLETT
EARNED HER CERTIFICATION AS A
CERTIFIED FIRE INVESTIGATOR
FROM IAAI. SHE IS ONE OF FOUR
FEMALES TO EARN THIS CERTIFICATION
IN GEORGIA



MICHAEL DAVIS PRESENTED THE NEWLY OPENED INCIDENT COMMAND TRAINING CENTER WITH A CUSTOMIZED AERIAL STYLE PODIUM FEBRUARY 2, 2021



800MHZ RADIO SYSTEM GOES LIVE MARCH 29, 2021



BOC APPROVES LAND
ACQUISITION FOR STATION 32
EXPANSION
JUNE 4, 2021



CCFES Wins the 2021
Guns and Hoses Run
\$2,244 WAS DONATED TO
GOSHEN VALLEY BOYS RANCH
FEBRUARY 15, 2021



BATTALION CHIEF BRYAN WARD & CAPTAIN JASON WILLIAMS RECEIVED THE GEORGIA CHIEF FIRE OFFICER CERTIFICATION APRIL, 2021



CCFES Hosted the Northwest Georgia / Region 1 EMS Awards Banquet June 10, 2021



CHIEF'S CIVILIAN VALOR AWARD PRESENTED TO RANDALL THOMAS, TRISTAN BUSH AND MARK OGLE FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE RESCUE OF COUNTY RESIDENT FROM A HOUSE FIRE ON MARCH 4, 2021.



ISAIAH JOHNSON
HONORED BY NORTHSIDE
CHEROKEE AS DISTINGUISHED
FIRST RESPONDER OF THE YEAR
MAY 21, 2021



CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON THE NEW
CHEROKEE COUNTY FIRE TRAINING
CENTER ADDITION
JUNE, 2021



TWENTY-NINE NEW RECRUITS
GRADUATED RECRUIT SCHOOL AS
CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS AND
ADVANCED EMT'S
MARCH 19, 2021



2021 AVALON CATALINA
WATER RESCUE BOAT PUT
INTO SERVICE
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
MAY 2021



EMS CHIEF, NATE SULLIVAN
APPOINTED TO THE
GEORGIA COORDINATING ADVISORY
BOARD (GCCAB)
JULY, 2021



MOOSE LODGE ANNUAL



CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: FIRE CHIEF TIM PRATHER

FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: LT. CRAIG HENDERSON FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR: FAO RYAN BARKER

EMT OF THE YEAR: FAO NICK LESLIE

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: WALTER SNEAD & MALCOLM FOX

SPECIAL OPS MEMBER OF THE YEAR: JACK TUSZYNSKI

SUPPORT SERVICES MEMBER OF THE YEAR: RICHARD SCALES



COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO TEACH AND EDUCATE STUDENTS IN THE XPLORLABS STEM PROGRAM ABOUT FIRE DYNAMICS **JULY 2021**



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK **PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS!** SEPTEMBER, 2021



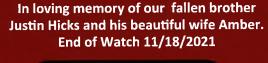
NEW PROPANE FIRE PROPS DELIVERED AND READY FOR TRAINING. **OCTOBER, 2021**



CAPT. MATT RICHTER SPEARHEADED THE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT 3 CCFES FAMILIES WHO'S LIVES HAD BEEN IMPACTED BY BREAST CANCER. **OCTOBER, 2021**



DIVE TEAM RECEIVES OPEN WATER CERTIFICATION NOVEMBER, 2021







OVER 9000 TOYS AND 80+ BIKES WERE COLLECTED FOR THE USMC **TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM** DECEMBER, 2021



CHIEF PRATHER'S LOVE FOR THE FIRE SERVICE BEGAN AT THE AGE OF 13 WHEN HE WORKED ALONGSIDE HIS FATHER IN PICKENS COUNTY

"A Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning...but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us."

INCIDENT VOLUME



Incident Type	2021	2020	2019
Structure Fire	176	139	164
Non-Dwelling Fire	285	378	433
Technical Rescue	838	1,221	1,273
False Alarms	1,171	1,218	1,177
Calls for Service	6,373	6,775	6,520
EMS Calls	21,326	19,169	18,348
TOTAL	30,169	27,682	27,915







RESPONSE TIMES TO CITY LIMITS

BALL GROUND

FIRE: 90TH PERCENTILE: 10:42

AVERAGE: 4:38

EMS: 90TH PERCENTILE: 8:32

AVERAGE: 5:41

CANTON

FIRE: 90TH PERCENTILE: 8:41

AVERAGE: 5:39

EMS: 90TH PERCENTILE: 9:37

AVERAGE: 6:17

HOLLY SPRINGS

FIRE: 90TH PERCENTILE: 8:08

AVERAGE: 5:17

EMS: 90TH PERCENTILE: 8:50

AVERAGE: 5:36

BG

H

WS

WALESKA

FIRE: 90TH PERCENTILE: 6:08

AVERAGE: 4:06

EMS: 90TH PERCENTILE: 6:46

AVERAGE: 3:55

NELSON

FIRE: 90TH PERCENTILE: 11:06

AVERAGE: 11:06

EMS: 90th Percentile: 12:47

AVERAGE: 9:29

WOODSTOCK

FIRE: 90TH PERCENTILE: 10:47

AVERAGE: 6:31

EMS: 90TH PERCENTILE: 10:59

AVERAGE: 6:54



COUNTY WIDE RESPONSE TIMES



EMS

10:20

(6:37 Average)

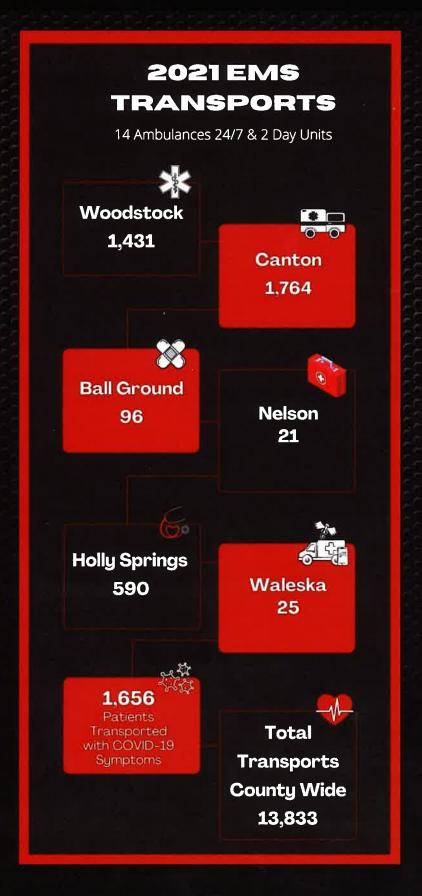


FIRE

10:00

(6:22 Average)

EMS TRANSPORTS



BATTALION 1





STATION 1

100 OLD BASCOMB CT.
WOODSTOCK



STATION 7

1530 BARNES RD. WOODSTOCK



STATION 8

260 HICKORY Rd. HOLLY SPRINGS



STATION 11

2731 MARIETTA HWY. CANTON



STATION 19

100 Ridge Mill Ct. Acworth



Chief Prather Served as Station Commander at Station 20, promoted to Division Chief in 2006, Assistant Fire Chief in 2008 and appointed to Fire Chief in 2011



STATION 20

6274 BELLS FERRY RD. WOODSTOCK



STATION 22

9550 Bells Ferry Rd. Canton



STATION 24

1000 RIVER PARK BLVD. WOODSTOCK

BATTALION 2





STATION 26

89 Dogwood Pass Nelson



STATION 29

3451 CUMMING HWY. CANTON



STATION 32

3644 SUGAR PIKE RD. CANTON

















STATION 2

420 VALLEY ST. BALL GROUND

STATION 3

270 CROWN AVE. CANTON

STATION 4

9253 FREE HOME HWY. CANTON

STATION 5

10378 E. CHEROKEE DR. CANTON

STATION 15

5804 YELLOW CREEK Rd. BALL GROUND

STATION 21

1190 Evenflo Dr. Ball Ground

STATION 23

7625 VAUGHN RD. CANTON

STATION 25

2250 HOLBROOK
CAMPGROUND RD.
ALPHARETTA

BATTALION 3





STATION 6 3396 LAND RD. CANTON



STATION 9

1467 REINHARDT COLLEGE PKWY. CANTON



STATION 12

9081 FINCHER RD. WALESKA



STATION 13

2833 Knox Bridge Hwy. Canton



STATION 16

190 W. Main St. Canton



STATION 17

125 CHICKASAW DR. WALESKA



STATION 18

5840 Salacoa Rd. Waleska



STATION 27

1216 LAKE ARROWHEAD DR. WALESKA

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

The Fire Marshal's Office provides a full range of technical support services including but not limited to: technical review of future building projects; review of land development plans; code review and enforcement, plan review and inspections of new and existing buildings; analysis and plan review of new and existing fire protection systems; and evaluating public and private water supplies for effective municipal fire protection. The division also oversees all life safety community initiatives including school fire safety education, youth fire setter, smoke alarm checks, car seat installation and checks, and numerous coordinated education programs alongside the Cherokee E -9-1-1 and Sheriff's Office.



Activity Count by Activity Type	Total
PLAN REVIEWS	
NEW CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW	218
ADDITION AND/OR REMODEL PLAN REVIEW	127
BLASTING PERMIT PLAN REVIEW	13
COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN REVIEW	196
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM PLAN REVIEW	64
FIRE SPRINKLER PLAN REVIEW	123
FIRE SUPPRESSION KITCHEN PLAN REVIEW	17
HOOD/DUCT PLAN REVIEW	13
IFC 510 (ERRC) PLAN REVIEW	32
RACKING PLAN REVIEW	7
RESIDENTIAL SITE PLAN REVIEW	129
SIGN PERMIT PLAN REVIEW	26
SPECIAL EVENT PLAN REVIEW	23
SPRAY BOOTH OR DIP COATING PLAN REVIEW	11
TENANT FINISH PLAN REVIEW	57
TECH REVIEW MEETINGS (CALENDAR) CA	191
MINOR SUBDIVISION REVIEW (CITYVIEW) DB	561
REZONE REVIEW (CITYVIEW) DB	53
VARIANCE REVIEW (CITYVIEW) DB	61
REZONE WITH VARIANCE (CITYVIEW) DB	38
OPEN RECORDS REQUEST	165
ANNEXATION REQUESTS (P&Z) CA	19
INSPECTIONS	
ANNUAL INSPECTION	2,005
ANNUAL FOLLOW UP INSPECTION	554
100% INSPECTION	182
50% INSPECTION	71
80% INSPECTION	82
BLASTING STANDBY INSPECTION	40
COMMERCIAL BURN PIT PERMIT INSPECTION	5
FINAL PLAT INSPECTION	116
FINAL PLAT MODEL HOME INSPECTION	59
FIRE SPRINKLER PIPE INSPECTION	23
FIREWORKS DISPLAY INSPECTION	3
FIREWORKS RETAIL STORE INSPECTION	1
FIREWORKS STAND INSPECTION	16
FUELSTORAGE TANK INSPECTION	2
HOOD DUCT LIGHT TEST INSPECTION	5
OTHER INSPECTION	31
PRE-CONSTRUCTION BUILDING INSPECTION	91
PRE-CONSTRUCTION SITE INSPECTION	17
UNDERGROUND FIRE MAIN AND HYDRANT INSPECTION	27
Total	5,474

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION

EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION

REFLECTIVE DEVICES	752
BIKE HELMETS	203
LIFE JACKETS	208
SMOKE ALARMS	228
SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES	112
CAR SEATS	89
SLEEP SAFE EQUIPMENT	11

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

EVENT	# OF EVENTS	# OF PARTICIPANTS	
4TH GRADE FIRE SAFETY	16	1274	
PREVENTION COMMUNITY	49	10,511	
8TH GRADE FIRE FORENSICS	19	1058	
FREDDIE THE FIRE TRUCK SHOW	35	2217	
STATION TOURS	10	91	
Engine Visits	67	5697	
FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING	2	62	
FIRE SAFETY HOUSE	21	2749	
CPR CLASSES	29	243	
BIKE & PEDESTRIAN EVENTS	8	480	
WATER SAFETY EVENTS	14	3115	
HOME SAFETY	19	137	
SMOKE ALARM/BATTERY	80	160	
CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS	102	406	
VIRTUAL EDUCATION	17	99,787	

Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services is proud to offer numerous detailed fire prevention education opportunities to the parents and children of the community. Programs are managed and presented by the Fire Marshal's office and are tailored to appropriately meet the age and understanding level of each participant. Over the years the programs have touched the lives of thousands of families in a concerted effort to reduce the number of accidents, injuries and accidental structure fires that occur each year.

In 2021, Fire Safety Education distributed 56,655 educational pieces, provided 1,147 hours of education to 140,956 kids and 143,711 adults through Safe Kids Cherokee County, both in person and virtually.







SUPPORT SERVICES-LOGISTICS

The Support Services Division is the main artery that keeps the department alive and functioning. This division is tasked with providing for the needs of 27 fire stations and approximately 435 personnel. Some of the primary duties of this division includes but is not limited to:

- Stocking, resupply and managing the warehouse
- Providing house supplies for daily fire station maintenance
- Scheduled maintenance of station utilities
- Purchasing and scheduled maintenance of gas-powered equipment
- Scheduling inspections and maintenance of personal protective clothing
- Issuance & maintenance of duty uniforms
- Annual maintenance and testing of 30+ fire apparatus and ladder trucks
- Annual ladder testing on all fire apparatus
- Annual testing of over 400 selfcontained breathing apparatus on all fire apparatus
- Testing and maintenance high-tech equipment (thermal imaging cameras, toxic gas meters, cardiac monitors etc.)
- Keeping all 16 front-line ambulances adequately stocked and supplied to provide emergency medical services 24 hrs.

 Implemented the new Operative IQ inventory control system and truck check program.



♦ 3 Power Pro stretchers and 8 Lucas devices deployed.





• Second set of fire gear issued to each firefighter.





Upgraded all thermal imaging cameras



♦ 8,450 Assets managed and 1, 100 service desk tickets completed throughout the department.





TRAINING DIVISION

 Broke ground on a new building expansion that will include new classroom and office space.





Graduated 29 new recruits to field operations



 Hosted 23 specialty classes that included Introduction to Rope Rescue, Fire Officer, Pipeline Emergencies and Advanced Cardiac Life Support





♦ 23 Students completed Paramedic Training; 22 Graduates are pictured here with one empty seat in honor of their fallen brother and classmate Justin Hicks.



♦ 124,870 Hours of Training department wide





The Training Division is responsible for the coordination of all required department training activities at the Fire Training Facility, including recruit training, suppression training, emergency medical services, technical rescue, officer and leadership development and other courses as required by state and federal mandate. The division is responsible for maintaining record keeping on all training activities conducted within the department and in conjunction with automatic aid partners, to ensure compliance with established requirements as set forth by the Department, Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training, Georgia Department of Human Resources, and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The process of testing for promotion of personnel into positions of higher rank is also conducted by the Training Division.



BRENNAN JONES AND RC VAUGHN WERE BOTH PROMOTED TO SERGEANT APRIL 1, 2021





ANDREW KANE AND JUSTIN LIBBY WERE BOTH PROMOTED TO SERGEANT APRIL 29, 2021



CHRIS GINN PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN JULY 25, 2021

KRISTINA WIGGINGTON PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN AUGUST 22, 2021









SHANE WEST WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY CHIEF

AUGUST 22, 2021



JULY 25 - PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT: KEVIN FOX &

PROMOTED TO SERGEANT:

AUG. 08 - PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT: JOEL SCIRANKO,

JUSTIN DOBSON, CHRIS KING, &

JOSEPH WIGGINGTON DANYELL CHALK

BRADY REED

SEPT. 05 - PROMOTED TO SERGEANT:

ZACH BENNETT & WILLIAM PFLUGRAD







SGT. BEN MACCRACKEN
RETIRED AFTER 18 YEARS
OF SERVICE



ENCY CES



SGT. WILLIAM MORRIS
RETIRED AFTER 15 YEARS
OF SERVICE



SGT. STEVEN MCENTYRE RETIRED AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE



SGT. MICHAEL VAUGHN
RETIRED AFTER 25 YEARS
OF SERVICE



LT. STAN ICE
RETIRED AFTER 31 YEARS
OF SERVICE

Fire Chief Tim Prather

Retired after 35 years of Dedicated Service to the Citizens of Cherokee County

February 1, 1987—March 11, 2022

