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## 911 Dispatchers Honored for Response to NorthPointe Fire



Pittsylvania County honored the work of the 911 Center "B" Shift for their lifesaving work during the NorthPointe Apartment Complex Fire.

"It is no doubt that the coordinated effort of "B" shift Supervisor Mary Kitchens, Assistant Shift Supervisor Lance Fowler, Telecommunicator Ryan Crews and Telecommunicator Star Holley while on duty during this large apartment fire maintained a calm and professional tone while dealing with frantic callers that for some, I am sure thought they would not make it out alive. These men and women helped to direct the fire units arriving on scene to the exact location of many of the victims and their families that they were facing an almost certain death," said 911 Center Manager Ronnie Fowler.

## Board of Equalization Sets Hearing Dates for Reassessment



Six Pittsylvania County residents completed training on February 8 with the Virginia Department of Taxation to serve as members of the Board of Equalization (BOE), the next step required in the property reassessment process. Hearing will begin May 28 and run through July 11, 2024.

The BOE members will be sworn in by Pittsylvania County Clerk of Court Angie R. Harris.

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Pittsylvania County Students
Memorialized for Paving
Way to Integration



The Pittsylvania County Freedom of Choice Committee held two unveiling ceremonies on Saturday, February 3 at Gretna and Tunstall high schools to honor the students who broke the color line during the Freedom of Choice era in Virginia. The program included musical performances by Southside Region Celebration and moments of reflection from former students during that time. Two more ceremonies will be held February 17 at Dan River and Chatham high schools. Pictured, left to right: The Rev. Joan Tarpley Robinson, John Powell and Brenda Breedlove Carter.

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# **Board Hears School Division Budget Priorities for Fiscal 2025**



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors and the School Board held a joint meeting on February 6 to go over the school division's budget priorities for fiscal year 2025.

School staff priorities for FY2025 included wage and salary increases, four elementary school counselors and four athletic directors. The Board Finance Committee will meet February 20 to continue budget discussions. The budget is scheduled to be presented to the full Board of Supervisors during a special meeting March 12 at 4 p.m. The joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and School Board can be viewed on the County's YouTube channel.

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### Pittsylvania County: 2023 in Review

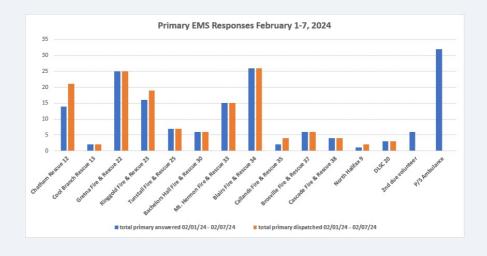


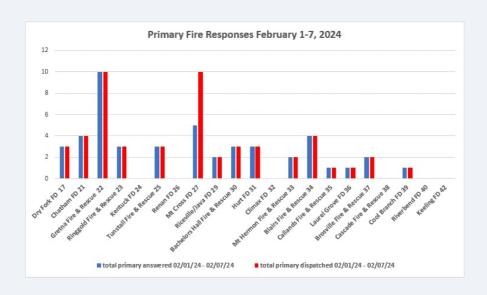
Pittsylvania County Administrator Stuart Turille goes over the many accomplishments made by the County in 2023, to include dialing back the proliferation of solar farms, the completion of the Gretna Library renovations, advances in economic development and enhancing communication and collaboration with the volunteer fire and rescue community.

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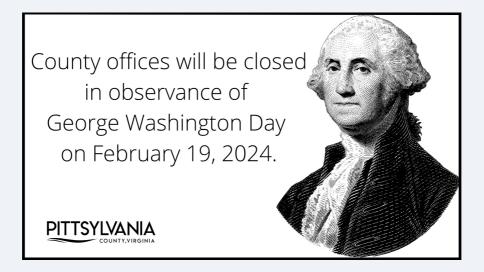


Pittsylvania County's first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County's citizens. EMS responders answered 165 primary calls for service between February 1-7. Of those, volunteers responded to 133 of those calls – or 81%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 32 of those calls, or 19%, and outside agencies took seven. The County's fire departments responded to 47 fire calls during that same period.









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