



Feb. 23, 2024

Governor Youngkin Recognizes Blairs Fire and Rescue for 2023 Governor's Fire Service Awards



RICHMOND - Governor Glenn Youngkin announced the recipients of the 2023 Governor's Fire Service Awards as part of the annual Virginia Fire Chiefs Association Expo and Symposium in Virginia Beach.

Blairs Volunteer Fire and Rescue was the recipient of the Outstanding Fire Department Response award for its response to the NorthPointe Apartments fire last fall.

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Amthor International Breaks Ground on New Facility, Creates 75 New Jobs





Amthor International was joined February 20 by Pittsylvania County officials and community leaders to celebrate the start of construction on its new 33,000 square foot facility in the Gretna Industrial Park.

This new plant is part of Amthor's \$30 million capital plan, representing more than \$4 million in investments and the addition of 75 new jobs with this stand-alone facility. The capital plan also includes investments in equipment and inventory, allowing Amthor to meet a growing demand for its products.

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Board of Supervisors to Consider Lowering Tax Rate Following Reassessment



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors received an overview of the Fiscal 2025 budget during a Finance Committee meeting on February 20.

The Committee was advised of potential revenue projections based on the 2024 reassessment, where residential property values increased an average of 48%. This increase will require the Board to adjust the tax rate. Staff recommends lowering the tax rate from \$.62 to \$.59 per \$100 in assessed value to allow for growth over the next three years and to meet current budgetary needs.

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Board Recognizes Fowlkes for Saving Life of Student



Kentuck Elementary School first grade teacher Lauren Fowlkes was presented with a certificate of excellence by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors at Tuesday's business meeting.

Fowlkes performed the Heimlich Manuever to one of her students and ultimately saved his life.

The certificate stated, "The courage you displayed during this event is remarkable and you are a true definition of a local hero. Thank you for your courageous efforts and we wish you the best in your future endeavors."

County Youth Commission Introduced to Board



Pittsylvania County Parks and Recreation Programs Coordinator Kelsie Myers introduced the 2024 Youth Commission to the Board of Supervisors at its February 20 business meeting. The Youth Commission, composed of County high school students, serves as a voice and a link between youth and government. Commission members represent their schools, conduct community service projects and programs and gain volunteer credits. Pictured from left to right: Myers, Shemariah Jones (junior, Chatham High School), Gracie Johnson (junior, Liberty University Online Academy, Brady Slattery (junior, Tunstall High School) and Amare White (junior, Dan River High School).

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Pittsylvania Youth Contribute to Parks and Rec Master Plan Process



Pittsylvania County Parks and Recreation Director Justin Price, along with our BerryDunn consultant James Mickle, visited middle and high schools this week to continue obtaining feedback for the master plan update now underway. Students were asked to name two to three types of facilities, activities or programs they would like to have in the County from two panels of choices. This information will be compiled into the master plan update, scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors in June.

[Learn More Here](#)

Input Needed for Childcare Study



SHARE YOUR VOICE

SHAPE YOUR CHILDCARE

Do you live in the Danville-Pittsylvania region? Are you the parent or guardian of a child in childcare? We need your help understanding early childcare needs in the region.

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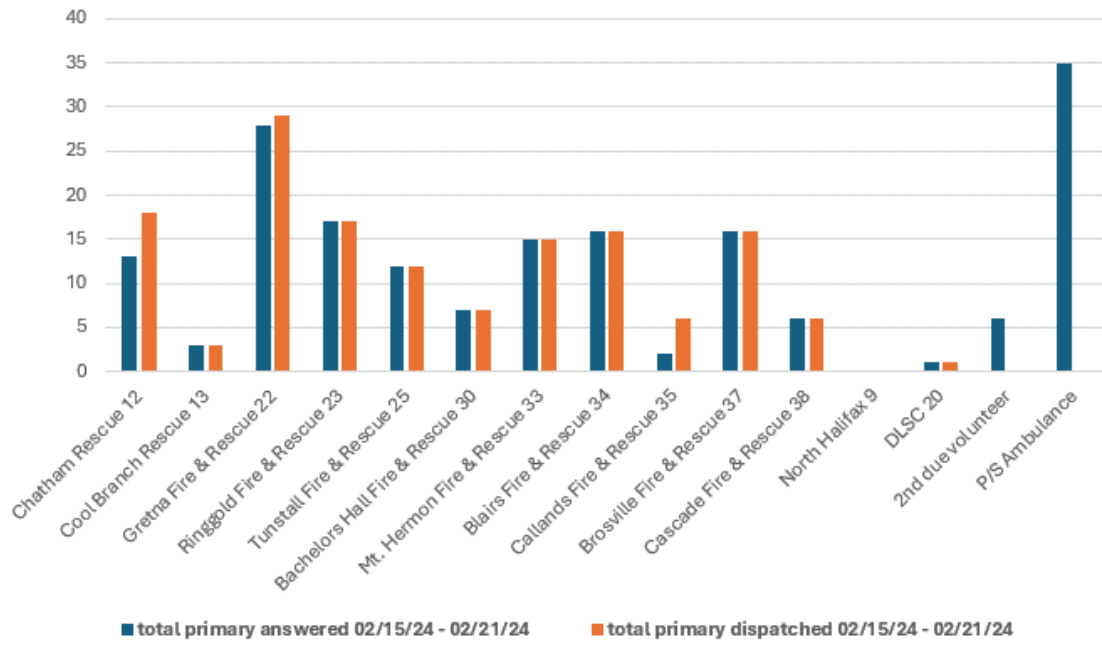
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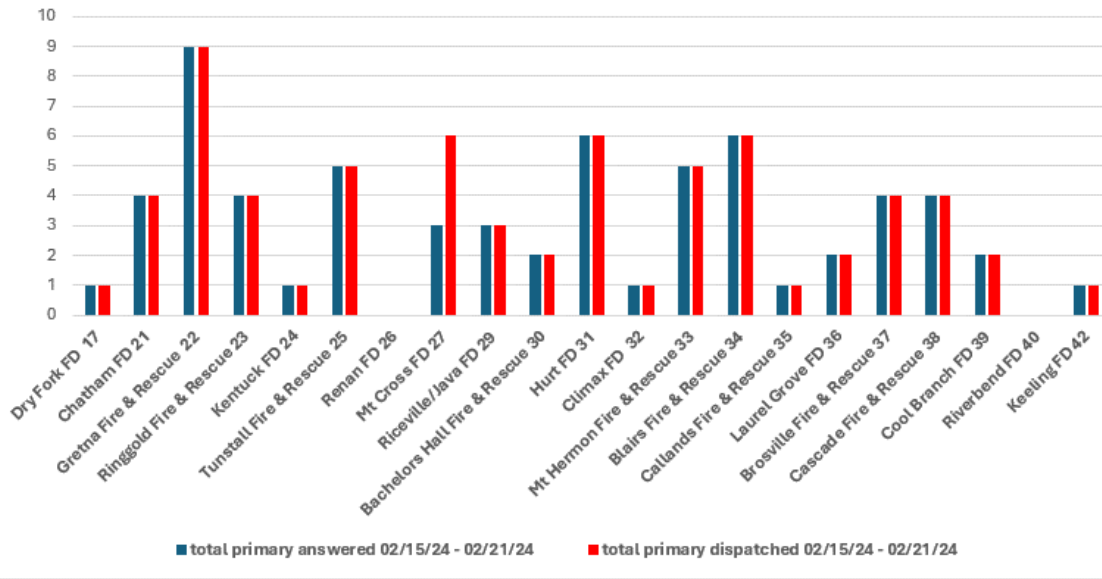
Pittsylvania County's first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County's citizens. EMS responders answered 177 primary calls for service between February 15-21. Of those, volunteers responded to 142 of those calls – or 80%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 35 of those calls, or 20%, and outside agencies took five.

The County's fire departments responded to 64 fire calls during that same period.

Primary EMS Responses February 15-21, 2024



Primary Fire Responses February 15-21, 2024



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FEBRUARY 15th – APRIL 30th

MAXIMUM FINE \$500.⁰⁰

BURNING LAW IN BRIEF:

- 1. No burning until after 4:00 p.m. if the fire is within 300 feet of woodland, brushland, or field containing dry grass or other inflammable material.**
- 2. Fire must be attended at all times if the fire is within 150 feet of woodland or other dry fuel leading to woodland.**
- 3. No fuel may be added or fire started after midnight.**
- 4. Law applies to campfires, warming fires, brush piles, household trash, stumps, fields of dry grass and brush, or anything capable of spreading fire.**



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additional information.**

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PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY CITIZENS !!!!!!!!!!

**PUBLIC COMMUNITY
INFORMATION MEETING**

RT. 41 – FRANKLIN TURNPIKE
VDOT TRAFFIC STUDY



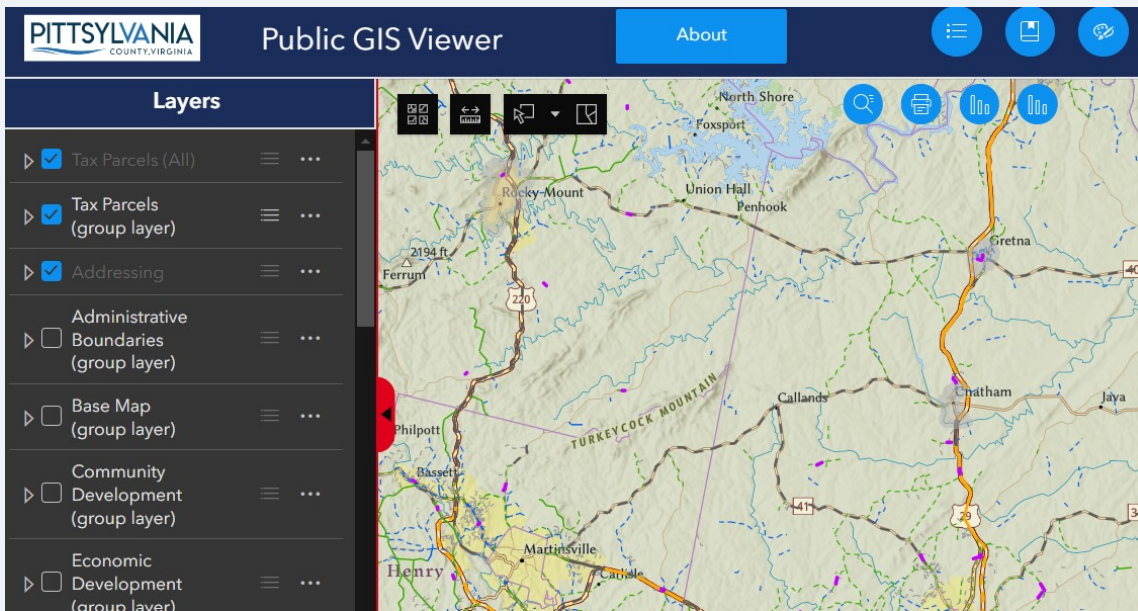
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 5:30 p.m.
Mt. Hermon Volunteer Fire Dept.
4268 Franklin Turnpike
Danville, VA

The public is invited to attend a community meeting to provide input and receive information from VDOT regarding the “Project Pipeline” study of **Rt. 41 Franklin Turnpike** that began in May 2023 and is due to be completed in July 2024.

The purpose of this “Project Pipeline” study is to identify potential solutions to safety issues on Franklin Turnpike. The suggested improvements generated by this study can be used to apply for funding through VDOT’s “Smart Scale” program, which evaluates and prioritizes potential projects based on key factors like how they improve safety, reduce congestion, and contribute to economic development.

Supervisor Ken Bowman, Chatham-Blairs District will be on hand, along with other county supervisors and VDOT representatives, to listen to citizens and business owners of the Mt. Hermon commercial corridor.

Learn to Use ArcGIS Viewer



Pittsylvania County is offering the public a free training session on its new ArcGIS Public Viewer web application on Thursday, March 7, 9-11 a.m. at the Community Center, 115 S. Main St. in Chatham. ArcGIS offers residents a multitude of tools to obtain information about the County and can be found at tinyurl.com/pittsylvaniacounty. The training session will also be recorded and available online from the County's website at www.pittsylvaniacountyva.gov or the County's Facebook page. To register for the training, RSVP to Barry.Guidry@pittgov.org or (434) 432-7998 and indicate if you would like to attend in person or via Microsoft Teams.



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