



March 29, 2024

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## County Dispatchers Trained to Provide Immediate CPR Instruction



The 20 dispatchers who man the phones at Pittsylvania County's E911 Center are part of a rarified group nationwide who have received training in Dispatcher Directed CPR.

The training is provided by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch, which recently announced that 20,000 dispatchers across the United States have received this life-saving instruction – and the 20 dispatchers in Pittsylvania

County are part of this group. (Pictured: Shift Supervisor Tonya Poindexter on the job at the Pittsylvania County E911 Center).

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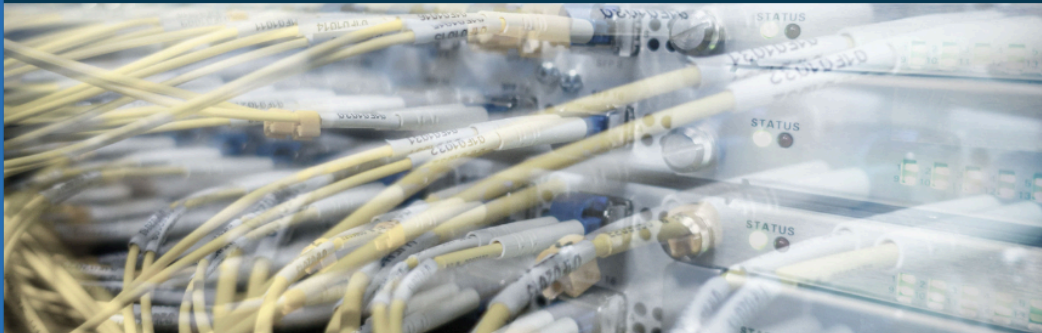
## RiverStreet Offers Meet and Greet at Gretna Library

# RiverStreet Networks Meet and Greet

Gretna Library, April 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meet with RiverStreet representatives and about the advantages of fiber internet and how you can sign up for service.

Free and open to the public



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Representatives from RiverStreet will be on hand to demonstrate how fiber is buried and connected to homes and businesses, the advantages of fiber over other forms of internet, the services and price plans it offers, as well as be available to answer questions and assist in signing up for service.

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# Overdoses in Pittsylvania County



Substance abuse is not a new problem, but with overdose calls up, it remains an ongoing concern in Pittsylvania County. PittCo Happenings spent some time talking about this issue with Dominick Grembi, the prevention program manager for Danville-Pittsylvania County Community Services. Grembi discusses how addiction begins and the science behind it, why today's opioids can be deadly and the various programs available with his agency to address this issue

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## Pot-bellied Pigs Available for Adoption





If you're looking for a companion that squeals rather than barks, Pittsylvania County Animal Control has the pet for you.

The County has at least 30 pot-bellied pigs available for adoption. The pigs came from Hurt and Dry Fork.

The pigs are being housed at Animal Control's new livestock pen and barn at its headquarters on Rainbow Lane, as well as at Cherrystone Veterinary Hospital in Chatham. If not already, the pigs will be spayed and neutered.



Pot-bellied pigs originated in Vietnam and are now kept as pets in the United States. They live about 10-15 years and grow to about 70-150 pounds. If you are interested in adopting one – or more - of these intelligent and playful animals, contact Pittsylvania County Animal Services at 434-432-7937.

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## 1 Person, 1 Bag, Less Litter

### Earth Day Challenge

Fill at least

# One bag

Join us Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. to noon as we celebrate Earth Day. One bag, one person, less litter. It's easy!

Scan the QR code to learn more!



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Pittsylvania County is celebrating Earth Day this year with a litter pickup event on Saturday April 27, a waiver of the landfill tipping fee and the reinstatement of the County's Beautification Committee. See how you can participate!

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# County to request additional funding for Ringgold Rail Trail



With the arrival of spring, many residents and visitors may be wondering about the status of repairs to the pedestrian bridge along the Ringgold Rail Trail. Since the damage that occurred in 2018 from Tropical Storm Michael and the flooding of Sandy Creek, the cost to repair the bridge has increased substantially. Therefore, Pittsylvania County is requesting a budget amendment from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to increase the amount awarded to the County by more than \$2 million.

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# Board Partners with Sheriff for Certified Crime Prevention Community Designation



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors (Board) is partnering with the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office to have the County designated as a Certified Crime Prevention Community through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

During its March 19 business meeting, the Board voted to adopt the resolution and ratify the document at its April 16 meeting. The resolution will become part of the application submitted to the state for participation in the program.

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## Sign Up for the Citizens Academy



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# CITIZENS ACADEMY

## Government 101

### LEARN HOW GOVERNMENT WORKS

The Citizens Academy is a unique way for residents to engage directly with County staff, ask questions and gain knowledge through interactive activities. The Academy will be held the second Thursday, May through November, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Chatham.



Meet County Staff  
in informal setting



Tour County  
Facilities



Fun Activities



The Citizens Academy is free and limited to 25 Pittsylvania County residents. Deadline to register is April 30. To learn more, scan the QR code or visit [www.pittsylvaniacountyva.gov](http://www.pittsylvaniacountyva.gov). Under "Residents," click on Citizens Academy 2024. For more information contact Public Relations Manager Diana McFarland at 434-432-3575 or [diana.mcfarland@pittgov.org](mailto:diana.mcfarland@pittgov.org)



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# Want to Become a Public Leader?



# HOW TO BE A PUBLIC LEADER LEARN ABOUT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

Hosted by Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce  
and

The Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership

Wednesday, April 10

5:30 PM - 8:00PM



RCATT Regional Center for Advanced Technology & Training  
121 Slayton Ave. Danville, VA

**Dinner Provided | Registration Required | \$25/ person**



Are you interested in being a Public Leader or just want to learn more about the process. Join us on Wednesday, April 10 to learn more.

A workshop will be held to share the details about Civic Leadership & Elected Offices. The following will be presenting: Larry Roberts, Director - Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership Linda Green, Economic Development Executive Director - Southern Virginia Regional Alliance Peggy Petty - General Registrar for Danville, VA Shani Shorter - General Registrar for Pittsylvania County Partnering with The Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership.

[Register Here](#)

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# Mt. Cross to Focus Solely on Fire Service, Relinquishes First Responder Role



The Mt. Cross Volunteer Fire and Rescue Board of Directors voted unanimously on March 25 to relinquish its role as a first responder in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and focus solely on fire service.

This change will not affect the current level of service for those within the Mt. Cross service area as the following fire and rescue agencies currently provide Emergency Medical Service (EMS) response and transport: Tunstall, Bachelors Hall, Mt. Hermon and the Danville Life Saving Crew. Pittsylvania County Public Safety also provides EMS service to this area as well.

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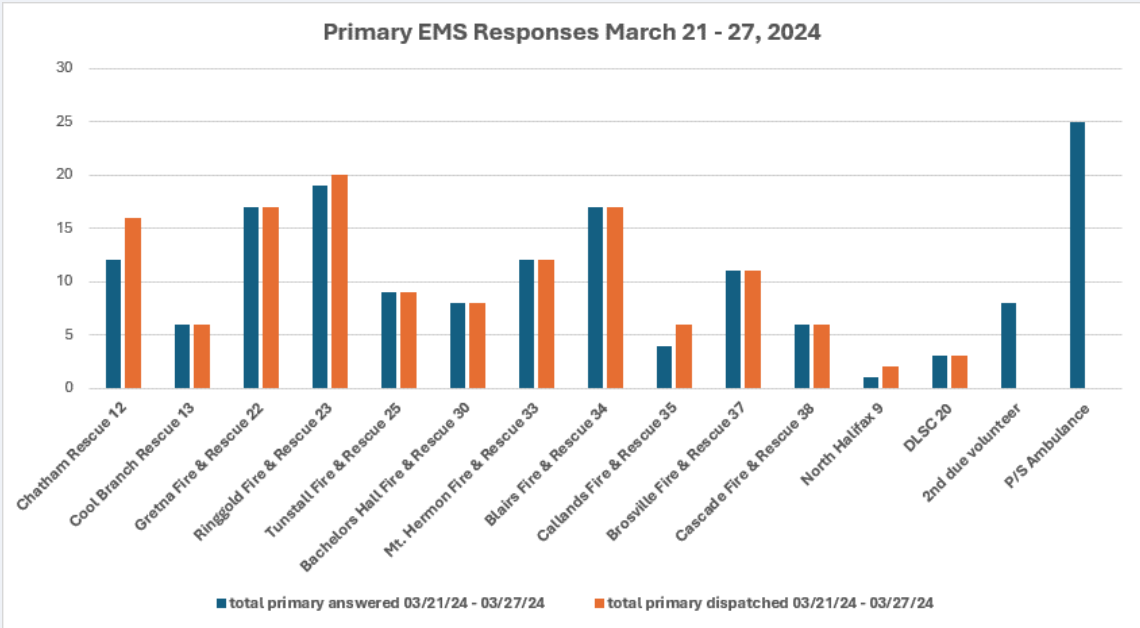
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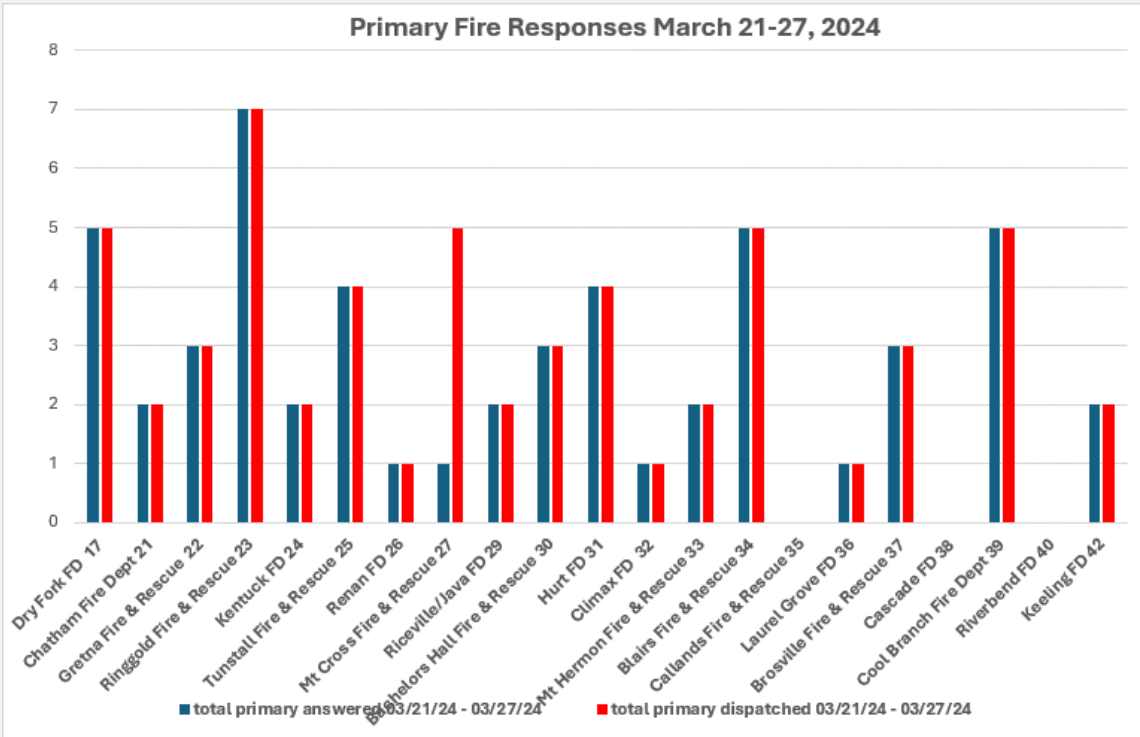




Pittsylvania County’s first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County’s citizens. EMS responders answered 158 primary calls for service between March 21-27. Of those, volunteers responded to 133 of those calls – or 84%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 25 of those calls, or 16%, and outside agencies took three.

The County’s fire departments responded to 53 fire calls during that same period.





# County offices will be closed in observance of Easter on April 1, 2024.

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