

PittCo Weekly



July 12, 2024

Nearly Synonymous with Ringgold, Neal Retires as Fire Chief After 34 Years





The walls of Ringgold Fire and Rescue are filled with memories, especially for Mike Neal.

His father, Calvin, was the station's first chief when it was founded in 1958. His brother, Barry, served in the department, as did his daughter, Stephanie, stepson Walter Henderson and his nephew, Joseph. All are part of the many awards and photos that grace the station walls.

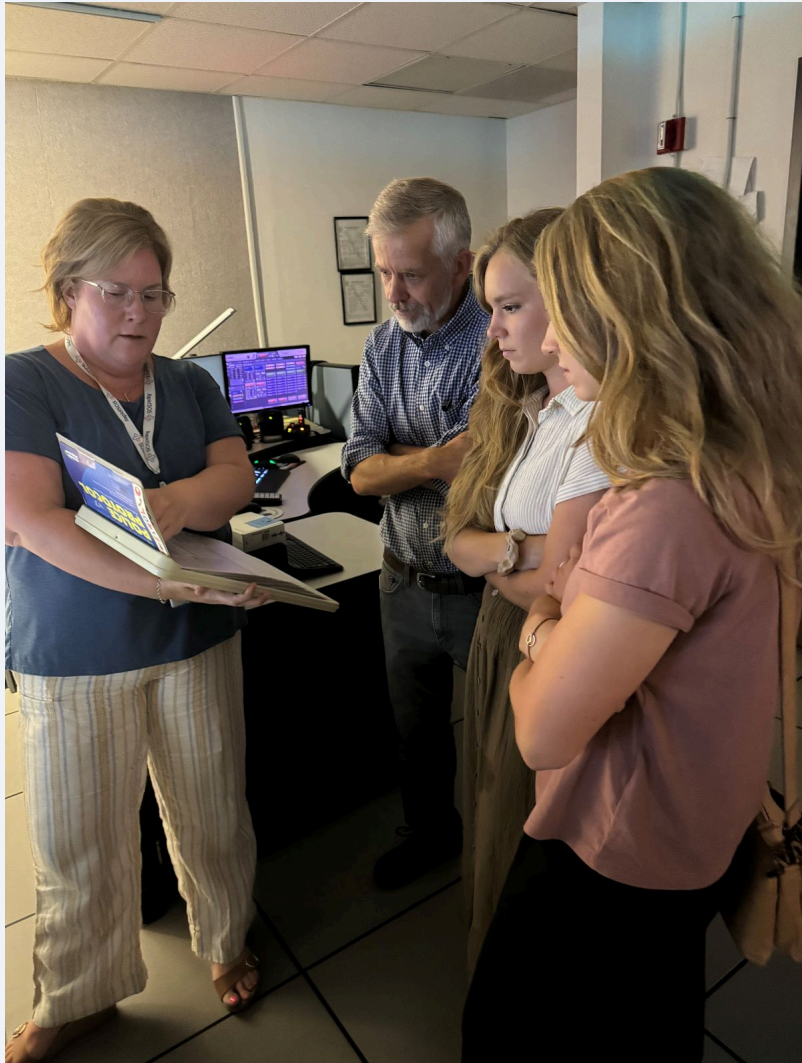
Neal, 70, remembers running around the station as a toddler, driving a firetruck at 16 and becoming assistant chief and on the department's Board of Directors at 18. By 1991, and in his mid-30s, Neal was named chief.

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Citizens Academy Tours 911 Center, Jail, Public Safety







Pittsylvania County Citizens Academy participants were treated to presentations by Sheriff Mike Taylor, Public Safety Director Chris Key and Administrative Services Coordinator Glenna Caldwell with the 911 Center on Thursday, July 11. Following the presentations, the participants enjoyed tours and activities at the jail and 911 Center, as well as offered the opportunity to get up close to fire apparatus provided by the Chatham Fire Department and an ambulance from Public Safety.

The next session of the Citizens Academy is Thursday, Aug. 8, and will cover County Finance, Reassessment, Commissioner of Revenue and the Treasurer's office.

The Citizens Academy allows participants the opportunity to learn how their local government works through presentations, one-on-one interactions and hands-on activities.

[Learn More Here](#)

RiverStreet Hosts Community Event

Special Internet Deals Only at this Event!! RiverStreet Networks

will be at the Riceville-Java VFD Saturday, July 13

Featuring



10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meet your favorite radio personalities; snag great WAKG swag!



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Roadside
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Offering a free hot dog, chips, drink and a scoop of ice cream!

One meal per customer while supplies last

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More than 3,700 locations are eligible for high speed fiber internet in Pittsylvania County. To see if your home or business has access and/or sign up for service, there are additional opportunities to meet with RiverStreet in July:

- Tuesday, July 16 - Pittsylvania County Community Center 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (by appointment)
- Wednesday, July 31 - Pittsylvania County Community Center 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (by appointment)

[Make Appointment Here](#)

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Back to School Festival Coming to Chatham in August



Pittsylvania County Community Action is hosting a Back-2-School Festival on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2-6 p.m. at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham. To talk about this well-resourced and free event is Christina Smith and Grace Willis with PCCA. The festival will include back-to-school supplies, food, activities, giveaways, local resources and more.

[Listen to the Podcast Here](#)

ChowDown Just Around the Corner!

Open to
the public!



DOWNTOWN CHOWDOWN

July 18th • 11 am-2 pm

County Administration Parking Lot
1 Center Street, Chatham

Food Truck Vendors

Southern Belle
Just J'Licious

All American BBQ
Sunset Slush

Tables and Chairs will be available.

**Putts for Paws Helps Animals in
Pittsylvania County**



Pittsylvania Pet Center
Putts for Paws
Fundraiser

Cedars Country Club
July 27, 2024

**Are you
interested in
becoming a
sponsor?**

**Would you like
to enter a
team?**

Contact us!

Petcenter@pittgov.org

434-432-1989



Tournament Information

Cedars Country Club
1029 Anderson Mill Rd
Chatham VA 24531

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners!

We will Have 2 flights.

Prize for closest to the pin!

\$100 per player

Lunch and beverages will be provided

Prize for longest drive!

1 red tee and 2 mulligans included

Bronze Sponsor \$100

Sign promoting business at tee box

Silver sponsor \$500

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4-player team entry

Gold Sponsor \$1000

4-player team entry

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Business listed on tournament banner

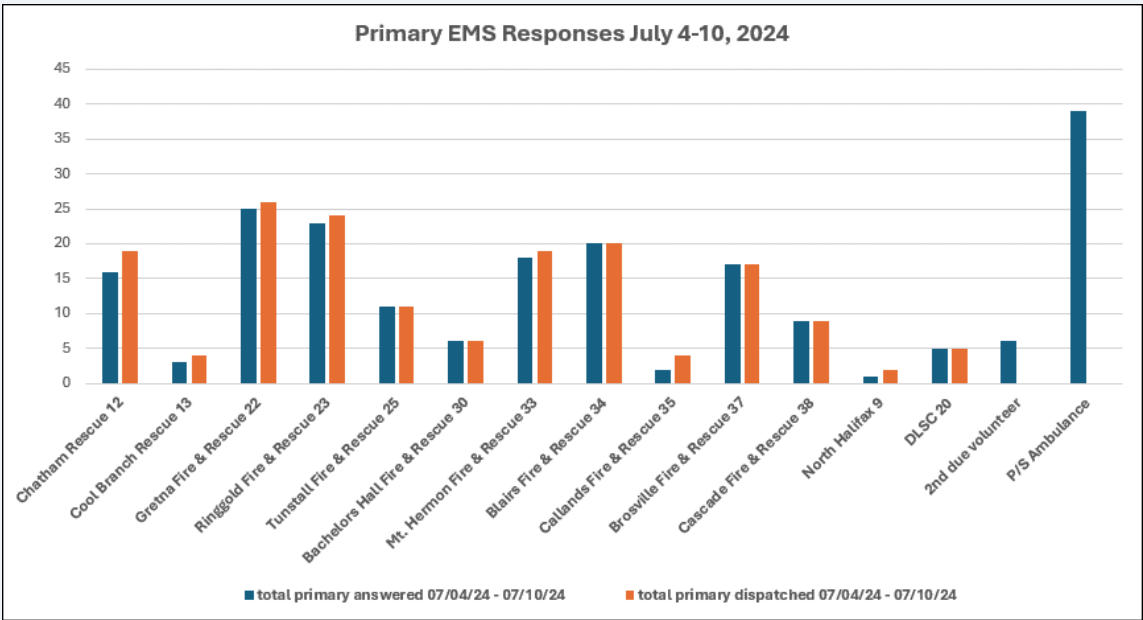
There is still time to be a sponsor or enter a team in Putts for Paws! To sign up, call 434-432-1989.

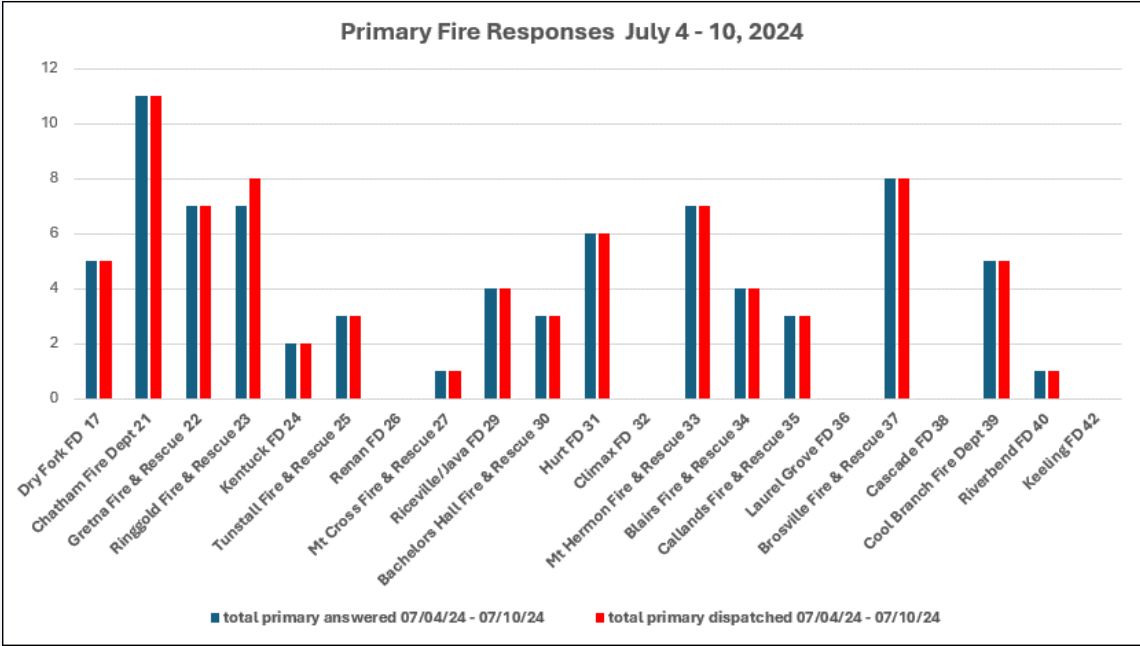
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Pittsylvania County’s first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County’s citizens. EMS responders answered 201 primary calls for service between July 4-10. Of those, volunteers responded to 162 of those calls – or 81%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 39 of those calls, or 19%, and outside agencies took eight.

The County’s fire departments responded to 77 fire calls during that same period.





Are you thinking about ...

Climbing to new heights?

**Exploring a new career path, developing life-long friendships
and saving lives and property?**

Achieve all that and more by serving as a firefighter or EMT in Pittsylvania County at a volunteer station near your home or workplace.
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