

PittCo Weekly



August 9, 2024

Minimal Damage Reported From Tropical Storm Debby



The majority of Pittsylvania County residents likely felt relieved as the effects of Tropical Storm Debby were not as severe as initially anticipated. Local rainfall amounts on Thursday ranged from around two to more than six inches in the Danville area, according to the National Weather Service.

The Danville area's 6.22 inches of rain on August 8 is considered a record amount for that day, according to the National Weather Service.

Pittsylvania County Public Safety Director Chris Key reported that there were 27 calls for trees blocking a roadway and those were handled by either VDOT or the fire department. Another four calls were for trees blocking a roadway with electrical lines involved and those were handled by the fire department and the power provider. A tree fell on one house and there were electrical lines involved, but there were no injuries, and the house remains livable. A motor vehicle crash was caused by another fallen tree and there were five calls for downed power lines.

Key noted that there were no reports of flooding as of Friday morning, Aug. 9. The Virginia Department of Transportation had some concern Thursday about the bridge on Route 40 over the Pigg River, but the crest did not reach a point where the bridge needed to be closed.

By Friday morning, there were 45 reported power outages in the County and the storm, downgraded to a tropical depression, has since moved north.

Pittsylvania County school children got two more days of summer vacation as the storm postponed the start of the school year by two days, with classes schedule to begin Monday, August. 12.

Pictured: A resident's rain gauge shows a little more than six inches of rain on Thursday in Tightsqueeze.

County Awarded \$6 Million Grant from Virginia Business Ready Sites Program



RICHMOND — Governor Glenn Youngkin on Thursday, August 8, awarded a total of \$126 million in Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP) development grants for 23 sites across the Commonwealth. Pittsylvania County received \$6 million for the Southern Virginia Megasite at Berry Hill and the grant will be used to install a new gas gate at the facility.

[Learn More Here](#)

Rezoning, SUP, Variance, Filing Deadlines Revised



Pittsylvania County has revised its schedule for submitting rezoning, special use permit and variance applications due to updates to advertising requirements in the Code of Virginia.

The application deadline for rezoning, special use permit and variance applications is the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m., effective August 6, 2024. In the event of a holiday, the deadline is the preceding Wednesday at 5 p.m.

[Learn More Here](#)

More BOE Hearing Dates Available

PITTSYLVANIA
COUNTY, VIRGINIA



Board of Equalization
Hearing Dates Available

Pittsylvania County is offering a second opportunity for property owners to go before the Board of Equalization concerning complaints about possible inequalities in property values and errors in acreage resulting from the 2024 reassessment.

Health Care Coverage Available for Qualified Families



Virginia's Medicaid and FAMIS programs (jointly called Cardinal Care) provide **free**, comprehensive health coverage to keep Virginia's families healthy and students learning. Children in a **family of four** with annual income up to **\$63,960** may qualify!

Cardinal Care for kids covers:

- ✓ Annual well checkups for babies, kids, and teens
- ✓ Prescription drugs
- ✓ Shots
- ✓ Doctor visits
- ✓ Dental care
- ✓ Behavioral health care
- ✓ Emergency services
- ✓ Vision care and glasses
- ✓ Tests and X-rays
- ✓ Hospital stays
- ...and much more!

CARDINAL CARE ISN'T JUST FOR KIDS!

Many parents and caretakers also qualify for free, comprehensive coverage – including dental.

Apply or check your status at

commonhelp.virginia.gov

or call toll free **1-833-5CALLVA**

(TTY: 1-888-221-1590) or contact your local Department of Social Services.

For more information about Cardinal Care, go to coverva.dmas.virginia.gov.

Already enrolled? Remember, coverage must be renewed every 12 months. Call 1-833-5CALLVA to check your status and get your next renewal date.

Text **SCHOOL** to **268782** to sign up for updates.

Message and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies.

Reply **HELP** for help or **STOP** to cancel.

Visit <http://bit.ly/vawireless> for more info.

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FAMIS is a program of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
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Server Being Upgraded

Important notice

Keystone and Keyweb, the server used by Pittsylvania County to process **building permits**, will be down for upgrades Aug. 16-19.

For that reason, no building permits will be issued after 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 16.

Processing of building permits will resume on Tuesday, Aug. 20.



It's Time to Chowdown!

Open to
the public!



DOWNTOWN CHOWDOWN

August 15th • 11 am-2 pm

County Administration Parking Lot
1 Center Street, Chatham

Food Truck Vendors
Southern Belle
Sunset Slush
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Tables and Chairs will be available.

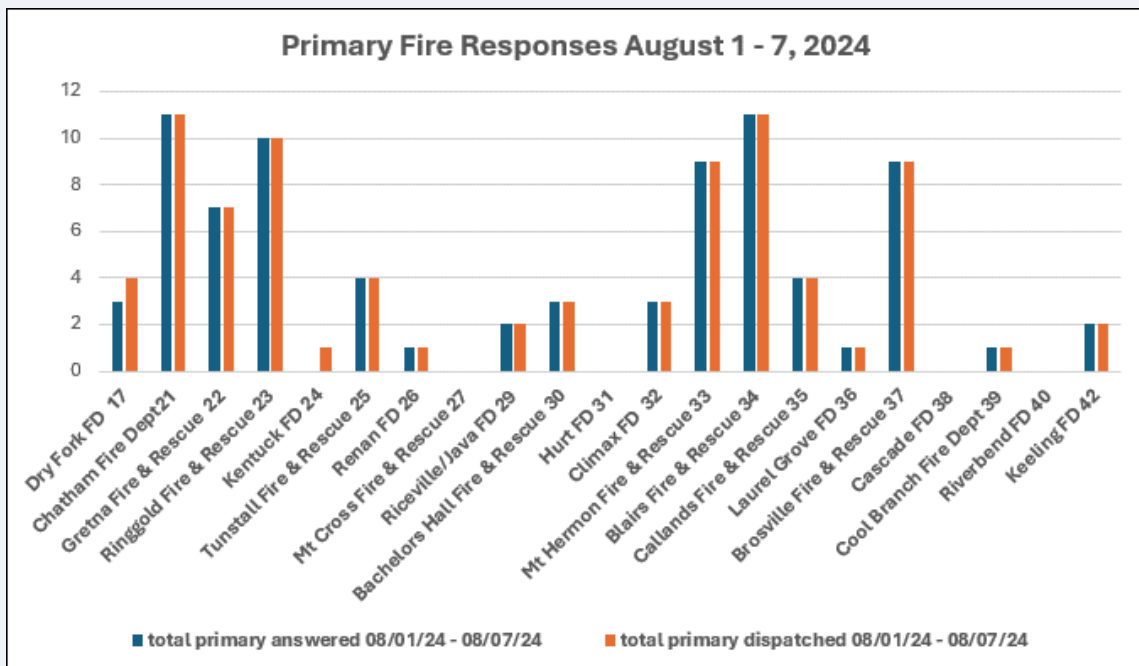
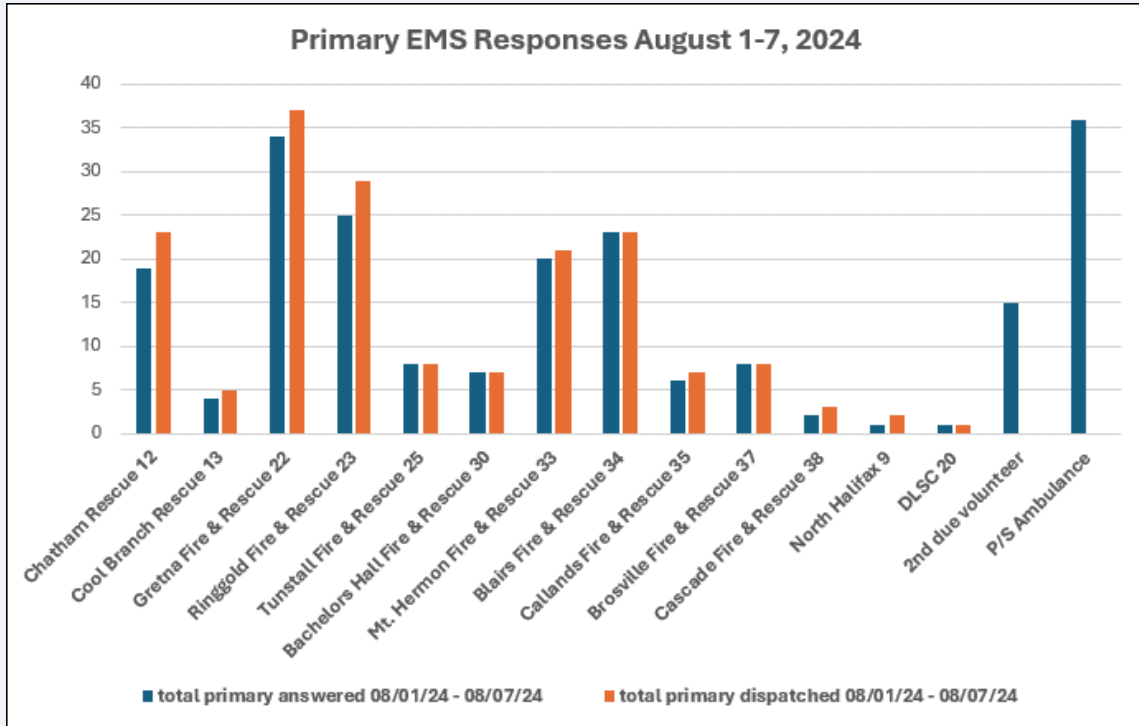
Pittsylvania County First Responders

ANSWERING THE CALL



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 209 primary calls for service between Aug. 1-7. Of those, volunteers responded to 173 of those calls – or 83%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 36 of those calls, or 17%, and outside agencies took five.

The County's fire departments responded to 81 fire calls during that same period.





Are you thinking about ...

Being first on the scene?

Serving your community, learning valuable new skills and becoming part of a close-knit team?

Achieve all that and more by serving as a firefighter or EMT in Pittsylvania County at a volunteer station near your home or workplace.
To learn more, visit <https://ow.ly/gOV450Pit0A>

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