



Sept. 20, 2024

TECHnista

**to Establish National Training Center
in Pittsylvania County**



RICHMOND — Governor Glenn Youngkin today announced that TECHnista, LLC, an education consulting company specializing in curriculum development for K-12 programs in defense and advanced manufacturing industries, will invest \$1,559,646 to establish its National Training and Technology Center in Pittsylvania County. The project will create 15 new jobs and support the implementation of a five-year federal contract with the U.S. Department of Defense's office of Innovation Capability and Modernization. Virginia successfully competed with North Carolina for the project.

Above: Pittsylvania County Industrial Development Authority Chair Dr. Joey Faucette (right) speaks with TECHnista Chief Operating Officer and Co-Owner Tim Robertson about the company and its homegrown roots in Pittsylvania County. To view the video, click on the 'View Video' button below.

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County, Schools to Offer Pilot After School Program at Kentuck Elem.



Pittsylvania County Parks and Recreation is partnering with Pittsylvania County Schools to offer a pilot after school program at Kentuck Elementary School beginning January 6, 2025.

The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution supporting the pilot program at its September 17, 2024, business meeting.

[Learn More Here](#)

Board Honors 'True Local Hero'



Jackson Wethington was presented with a Certificate of Excellence for his outstanding bravery and heroism displayed on July 22, 2023, when he rescued two young girls from a dangerous current in the Staunton River at English Park. Without hesitation, he plunged into the river, bringing them to safety. Wethington also performed CPR on a friend who was swept under the current during the rescue and saved that person's life. Wethington was awarded the National Lifesaving Award from the Boy Scouts of America, a rare and prestigious recognition bestowed for acts of valor. Wethington's actions exemplify the highest ideals of bravery, selflessness, and service to others. The courage that Wethington displayed during this event is remarkable and he is the true definition of a "Local Hero." The Board expresses its sincere appreciation and admiration to Wethington for his courageous efforts.

Scouts Lead Pledge at Board Meeting



Boy Scout troops 300 and 372 and Pack 374 led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors business meeting on Tuesday, September 17.

Landfill Tipping Fee Waived Sept. 30 - Oct. 5



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors approved a waiver of the landfill tipping fee as part of the County-Wide Fall Cleanup Week, September 30 – October 5, 2024.

The waiver coincides with a County-wide clean-up event hosted by the Beautification Committee on Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m. to noon at designated locations in the County's seven voting districts.

Above: The Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee challenged the Board of Supervisors to join their litter clean-up effort on Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m. to noon. The Committee is also challenging each voting district to participate in friendly competition to collect the most litter.

[Learn More Here](#)

[Sign Up for Clean Up](#)

Visit SoSi Tourism up 50%

Visit SoSi

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PITTSYLVANIA CO.

VA

According to Virginia Tourism Corporation, which released the 2023 regional economic impact reports last week, Danville and Pittsylvania County increased the economic impact of short-term visitation in the region by 49.39% year-over-year.

The two localities added \$215.4M to the local economy and directly supported 2,028 local jobs which contributed \$60.7M in direct local labor income during 2023.

“We couldn’t be more excited about what is happening in our region,” Visit SoSi Tourism Manager, Lisa Meriwether said. “Tourism is proving to be big business in Danville and Pittsylvania County and the economic lift it is providing to local citizens seems to grow every single day. We are continuing to see increased interest, investment, and opportunity across the local tourism economy.”

[Learn More Here](#)

Sign Up for High Speed Fiber Internet on September 26

Fiber Internet is Here!

Exclusive Sign Up Day Offers

- Receive \$100 off your first month



Join us for a local **Sign Up Day**



Pittsylvania County Community Center
115 S Main Street, Chatham, VA

September 26, 2024
11:00 am to 2:00 pm



Scan the QR Code or visit calendly.com/riverstreet to schedule your appointment today!

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RiverStreet

RiverStreet is hosting a sign up day for high speed fiber internet on Sept. 26 in Chatham. See below for details. To make an appointment, scan the QR code below or click the button below.

[Make Appointment Here](#)

County Hosts Last Downtown Chowdown of Season



Pittsylvania County hosted its last Downtown Chowdown of the season Thursday with Southern Belle, Sunset Slush and Collins Roadside Produce with no rain and lots of good food! Pittsylvania County thanks all the vendors who participated this year to make this event an ongoing success!

Be a Weather Spotter

SKYWARN Spotter Training

September 26th, 2024 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Pittsylvania County Community Center

115 S Main Street, Chatham, VA

Training is free and open to the Public

Photo Credit: Cameron Worsham

**National Weather Service
Blacksburg, VA**

weather.gov/Blacksburg



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Don't miss this chance to join the SKYWARN® program, offered by the National Weather Service. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches and nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are encouraged to become a spotter. The training is free and no registration is necessary. You'll learn:

- Basics of thunderstorm development
- Fundamentals of storm structure
- Identifying potential severe weather features
- Information to report
- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety

Regional Housing Summit Oct. 24



The City of Danville will host the third annual Southern Virginia Regional Housing Summit, on October 24, at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, 150 Slayton Avenue, Danville, from 8:30am – 3:30pm.

The summit will aim to spark new residential housing in the region, including Halifax, Henry, Patrick and Pittsylvania counties and the cities of Danville and Martinsville. Developers, builders, contractors, home renovators, financial institution representatives, architects, and community advocates are encouraged to attend.

This full-day event will feature presentations on local, state, and federal funding options, a panel showcasing examples of housing projects currently underway, and an exhibit hall. In addition, participating localities will provide information about single- and multi-family development opportunities throughout the Southern Virginia region.

[Learn More and Register](#)



PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

15th Annual Safe Halloween Event

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday 10.26.2024

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex

19783 U. S. Highway 29 - Chatham, VA



Trunk or Treat is a HUGE community outreach event and lots of fun for all! We strive to provide families with a SAFE Halloween event full of candy, hot dogs, drinks, contests and music. But, we cannot do it without you! We are looking for volunteers to come and decorate their vehicles and pass out treats. We welcome businesses, fire/rescue, churches, civic organizations, and individuals. If you would like to join us, please call or email to reserve your spot.

We are, also, in need of sponsors and monetary donations. Your generosity helps to cover the costs of the venue, food, entertainment, and candy – lots and lots of candy! Every penny we receive goes towards providing this event free to the public. We also have sponsorship opportunities, which would provide your business/organization's name/logo on advertising material and t-shirts.

For monetary donations, please make your check payable to: "Treasurer of Pittsylvania County" and note "Trunk or Treat" on the memo line. Donations may be made in-person at 21 North Main Street, or mailed to Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office, P. O. Box 407, Chatham, Virginia 24531. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call. We hope to see you there!

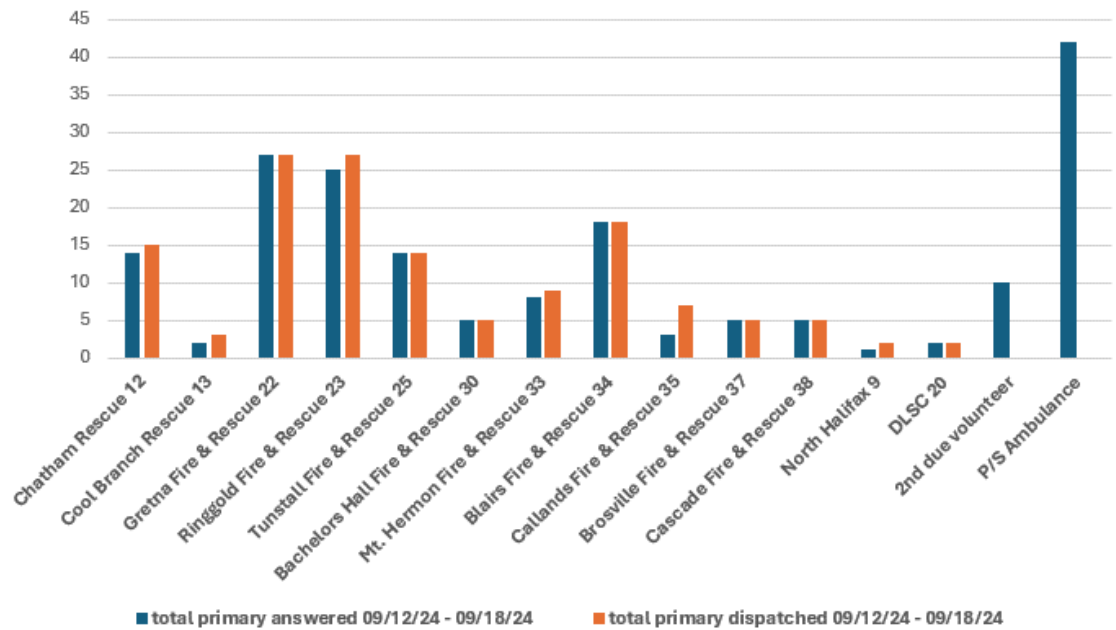
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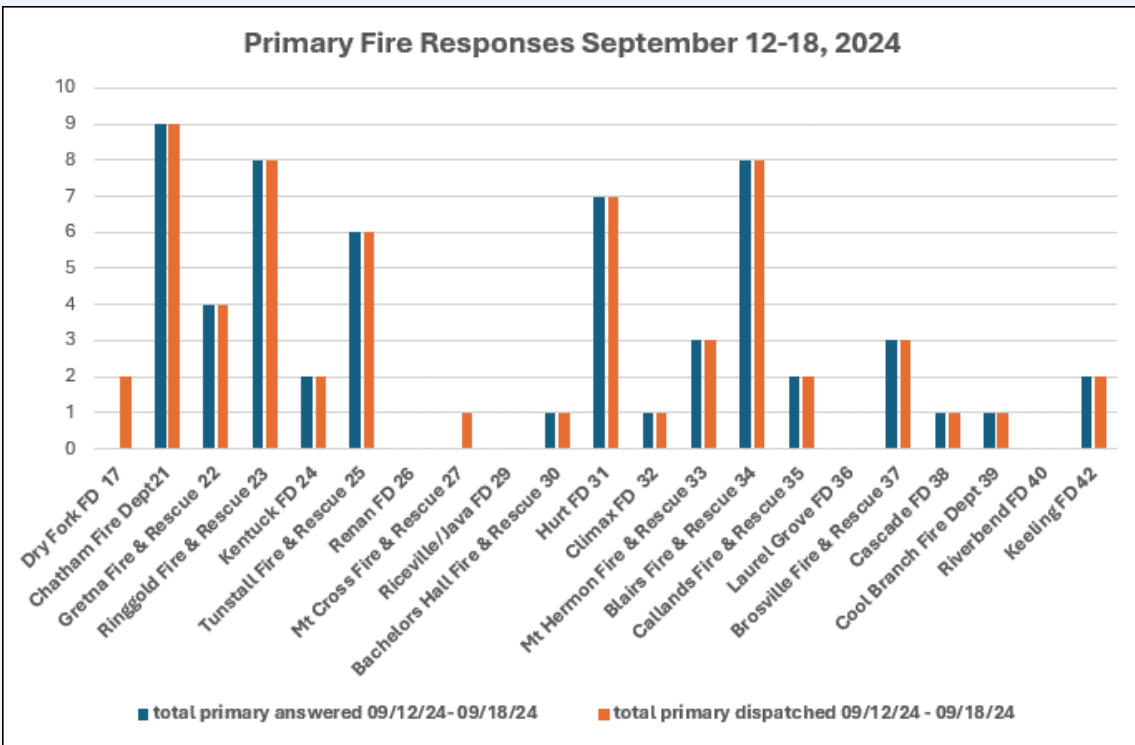
Pittsylvania County First Responders

ANSWERING THE CALL



Primary EMS Responses September 12-18, 2024





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 181 primary calls for service between Sept. 12-18. Of those, volunteers responded to 139 of those calls – or 77%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 42 of those calls, or 23%, and outside agencies took four.

The County’s fire departments responded to 58 fire calls during that same period.



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