



Campbell County Public Safety

ONE COUNTY, ONE MISSION, ONE CALL AWAY

Fire, EMS, E-911, Emergency Management & Animal Control

Proudly serving the citizens of Campbell County through the combined efforts of the dedicated volunteers and career staff, representing:

- Altavista EMS
- Altavista Fire Company
- Brookneal Rescue Squad
- Brookneal Volunteer Fire Department
- Brookville/Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department
- Campbell County Rescue Squad
- Campbell County Public Safety
- Citizens Emergency Crew
- Concord Rescue Squad
- Concord Volunteer Fire Department
- Evington Volunteer Fire Department
- Gladys Volunteer Fire Department
- Lyn-Dan Heights Volunteer Fire Department
- Rustburg Rescue Squad
- Rustburg Volunteer Fire Department

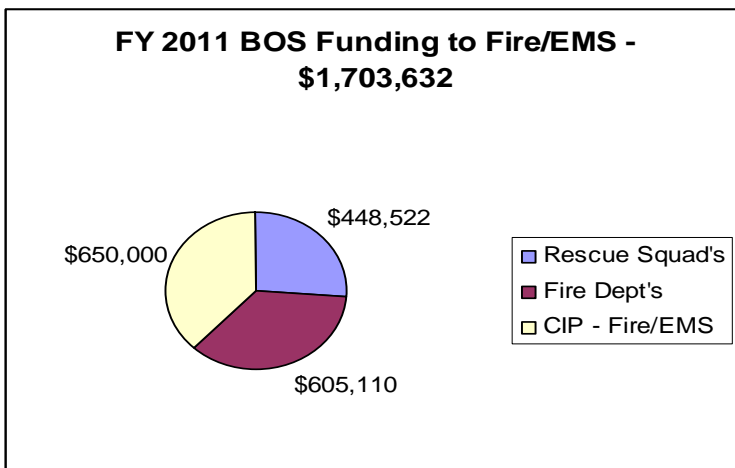
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome! It is with great pride that we bring you this first edition of our newsletter. Our goal is to increase communications, reflect the incredible dedication of the volunteer and career staff, present realistic data as to emergency response within the county, and to share valuable training and safety information. I want to recognize Dana Rice for putting this together as well as Sherry Harding of Parks & Recreation for her valued assistance in formatting the newsletter. This is a trial run and based upon your feedback, we will make changes and expand to a wider community audience in the future. We also are looking at establishing a county wide email list so that we could send you these newsletters directly to your individual account. Thanks for what you do and be safe out there!

Scott Hechler

DID YOU KNOW...

The Campbell County Department of Public Safety provides "all hazards" response, mitigation and recovery services to the Citizens of and visitors to Campbell County. This is accomplished by the Department operating with four divisions and in partnership with eight volunteer fire departments, six volunteer rescue squads and over 400 individual (est.) volunteer members. The divisions of Public Safety consist of Animal Control, E-911, EMS and the Fire Marshal's Office. In addition to these divisions, Public Safety concentrates staff time and efforts on emergency planning and management as well. The Department operates with 65 staff members (full and part time) and is led by the Director, Mr. Scott Hechler. In addition to career EMS, fire marshal, dispatch (E-911) and Animal Control services this department serves as the Campbell County liaison to the various volunteer fire and rescue agencies within Campbell County and with other local, state and national agencies as well. As such, this department administers several operating budgets and capitol expenditure projects which include the following Board of Supervisor allocated funds (fiscal year 2011) to the volunteer fire and rescue agencies noted in the pie chart to the right.

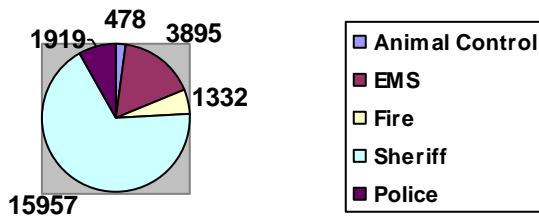


Please feel free to stop by and visit the Department of Public Safety or contact us with any questions you may have at (434) 332-9540. In addition, you can check us out on the internet at www.campbellcountyva.gov/depts/publicsafety or at our recruitment specific website, www.volunteerhero.org.

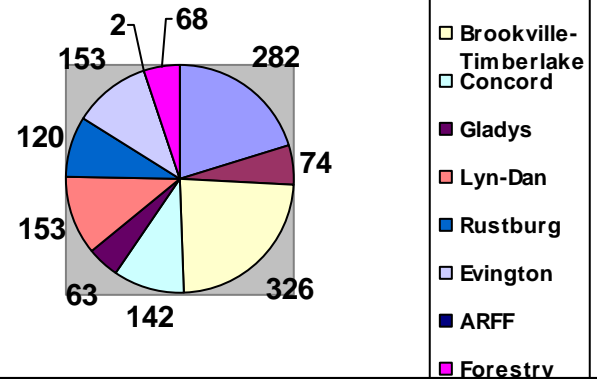
COMMUNICATION / E-911 REPORT FOR JANUARY 1, 2010—MAY 31, 2010

Campbell County E-911 answered a total of 23,581 calls for service between the dates of January 1 through May 31, 2010. Please be aware that due to dual dispatch or multiple agencies responding to the same call, the numbers in the various charts will not balance with one another. Squad 1—Altavista EMS, Squad 2—Campbell Co. Rescue, Squad 3—Citizens Emergency Crew, Squad 4—Concord Rescue, Squad 5—Brookneal Rescue, Squad 6—Rustburg Rescue.

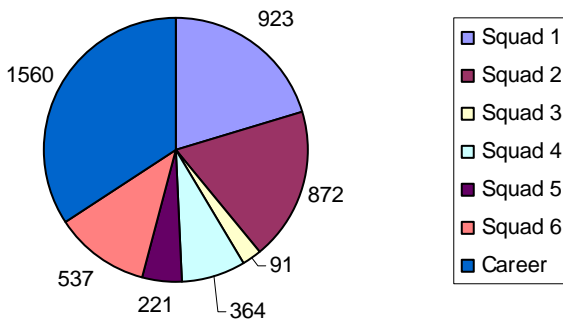
**Calls For Service
January 1-May 31, 2010**



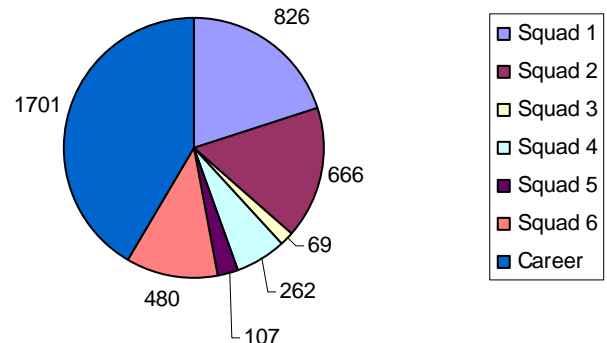
Fire Departments Calls for Service



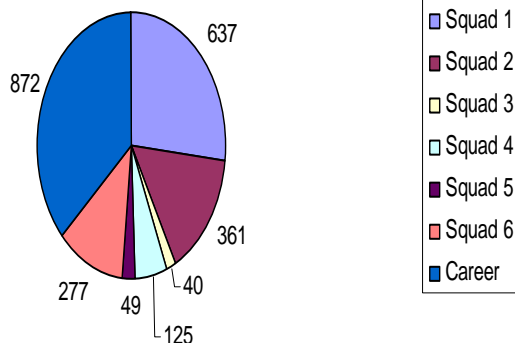
EMS Calls for Service



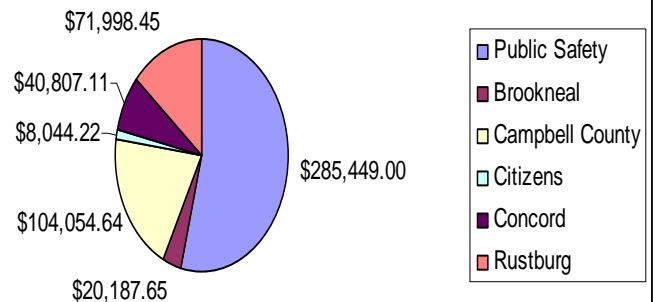
Ambulance Responses by Agency



EMS Transports via Ambulance



EMS Billing - Net Recievables by Agency 1/2010-5/2010 (excluding Altavista EMS)



News You Can Use...

County ISO Review is Underway

Pre survey packets have been sent to all Fire Departments, dispatch, CCUSA and town public works. This will be the initial information needed to begin looking at ISO rating throughout the county. The outcome of this process could improve insurance rates for citizens in your first due areas. If anyone has any questions about the process, please feel free to contact Randall Johnson at Public Safety.

Full Time EMS Training Officer Position

Effective with the upcoming school year the Department of Public Safety will be providing a full time Instructor to the Campbell Co. Schools to facilitate the high school EMT program at the Technical Education Center. The schools will provide the funding for this training position and it will enable Public Safety to also utilize this position as Public Safety EMS Training Officer when not directly teaching at the school. This will be of great benefit to our system as a recruitment tool since the Dept. of Public Safety will be able to be directly involved with the workforce of tomorrow. The area rescue squads, Fire departments and career staff will all be invited to assist and participate with these youth throughout the year. For questions, please contact Jason Stroud.

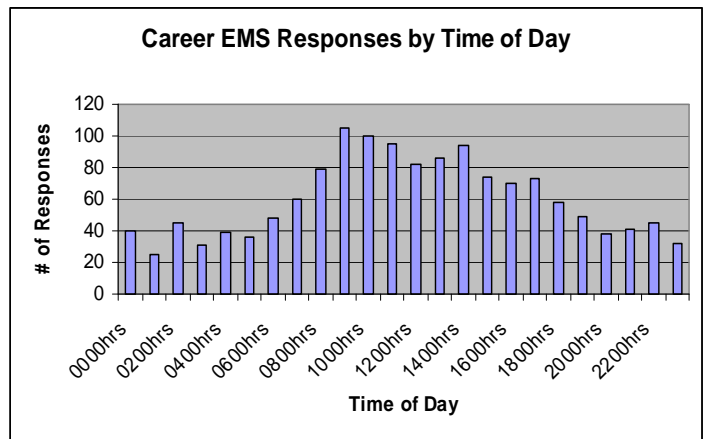
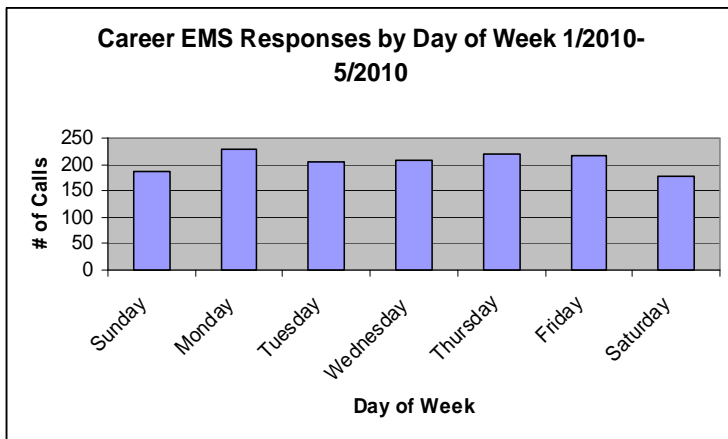
AN INTERNAL PARTNERSHIP MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Did you know that the Department of Public Safety provides operational medical support to the Campbell County Sheriff's Office, Special Response Team through a cooperative agreement? Dep. Director Jason Stroud leads the medical component with over 6 years of law enforcement tactical medicine experience and training. In addition, PS Tech.'s Dave Howell and Jeremy Painkin were recently selected to serve as Tactical Medics and have completed basic training requirements with the Sheriff's Office and will attend Tactical Medic training in July, 2010. In addition to providing direct medical support during team operations the Medics routinely provide for member incident rehabilitation, preventative medicine and team medical training as well as act as the liaison between the Sheriffs Office and Fire/EMS agencies assigned to an incident



EMS DIVISION

The Campbell County Department of Public Safety, EMS Division provides career EMS services to respond throughout Campbell County. Currently the division has 20 authorized full time positions and utilizes 12 part time staff as well. The EMS division staffs two medic units 24/7/365 (one in Brookneal and one in the Waterlick/Timberlake area), one medic unit Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm (in Rustburg) and an EMS Supervisor 24/7/365 who responds through out the county as needed. Staff members assigned to the EMS division are also trained as firefighters and hold numerous advanced patient care related certifications. The EMS division was established in March of 2006 with the hiring of Deputy Director Jason Stroud and has grown since that time in a fiscally responsible manner to meet the service demands placed upon it. Medical oversight is provided by Lynchburg General Emergency Physician, Dr. Patrick Wynnyk. In addition to providing career EMS services, the division coordinates and oversees the Campbell County EMS revenue recovery program (through partnership with our EMS billing vendor, Med3000) on behalf of Campbell County Public Safety, Brookneal Rescue, Campbell County Rescue, Citizens Emergency Crew, Concord Rescue and Rustburg Rescue. Please contact the EMS division at (434)332-9888.



EMERGENCY INCIDENT REHAB

The physical and mental demands in conjunction with extreme heat, humidity and/or extreme cold during emergency operations can have a detrimental impact on the safety and health of emergency responders. Responders not taking the proper precautions for these conditions and allowing themselves appropriate rest and rehabilitation during an incident are at risk for serious illness, injury or worse. When responders become severely fatigued their ability to make sound decisions and work safely and effectively can be adversely affected. Not only can this create an inherent danger for the member themselves, but also for the other emergency responders on the scene and the public that we are all there to assist. The need for effective emergency rehabilitation is recognized in several national standards and as common practice in the fire service. While it is safe to assume that most responders want to be working on the scene and involved in the "action circle", establishing and utilizing an effective Incident Rehabilitation program is paramount to the health and safety of all involved. In addition, effectively resting and rehabilitating responders on the scene of a call can allow for a more effective use of personnel which may reduce the need for additional personnel on the scene of an incident. The ultimate responsibility for the safety, health and welfare of the responders assigned to an incident rests on the shoulders of the Incident Commander (IC), but all responders have an inherent responsibility to look out for themselves and each other as well. During times of extreme hot or cold, incident rehabilitation can be paramount but do not get lulled in to a false sense of security that it is not needed during more comfortable climatic periods. The donning of structural firefighting protective equipment can add 10 degrees to the

ambient temperature and activity in direct sunlight can add another 10 degrees as well. This coupled with relative humidity factors can increase the actual temperature on any given day by as much as 30 to 40 degrees above the ambient temperature. Effective incident rehabilitation begins with proper planning and preventative measures. Since no one can predict when a call may occur, responders must be ready at all times. Responders should assure they are adequately hydrating themselves at all times and consuming proper nutrition. A simple way to tell if you are hydrated enough is to make sure that your urine is clear in color when voiding. Responders must be aware of, and accept their own physical limitations as well and should be taking steps to be sure they are in prime physical condition. During activities during high heat stress, members should consume at least one quart of water per hour. To maintain an effective electrolyte balance hydration solutions should be a 50/50 mix of water and a commercially prepared activity beverage, and caffeinated beverages and carbonated beverages should be avoided at all costs. Fatty and/or salty foods should be avoided as these are digested slowly and can actually increase dehydration. Foods for nourishment during high stress activities should be soups, broths, stews or fresh fruits. Keep in mind that rehydration efforts must be maintained during high stress levels in a cold environment as well to avoid dehydration. While certainly not every incident will require a large rehabilitation area and/or rehabilitation sector, all applicable incidents should have provisions in place for the rest and rehabilitation of responders. A shady area under a tree, an air conditioned truck cab, an easily deployable canopy, a secure area of a nearby building, etc. can all be used as

rehabilitation areas.

The "two air bottle rule" or 45 minutes of work time is recommended as an acceptable level prior to mandatory rehabilitation. Rest after the use of two air bottles or 45 minutes of work should not be less than 10 minutes and should include adequate rehydration, nourishment and medical evaluations. IC's should evaluate the need to appoint a Rehabilitation Sector / Group and appropriate Officer to manage such. Once responders are placed in a rehabilitation area they should receive a medical evaluation by emergency medical services (EMS) personnel. This should include monitoring of the members heart rate, blood pressure, and temperature. If a responders heart rate exceeds 110 beats per minute and temperature exceeds 100.6 degrees the member should not be permitted to wear protective equipment. If the temperature is below 100.6 degrees and heart rate is above 110 beats per minute than rest time should be increased until the heart remains below 110 beats per minute. All medical evaluations should be recorded on standard forms and maintained by the Rehab Officer or his/her designee. Campbell County Personnel can contact Deputy Director Jason Stroud for a sample Incident Rehabilitation SOG, Heat Stress Index and Wind Chill Index tables and rehabilitation accountability logs and medical screening work sheets. In addition the on duty County EMS Supervisor will have these forms available and may be of assistance in establishing a proper Rehabilitation Sector.

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR—EMS, JASON STROUD

CELEBRATE YOUR FREEDOM BY PLAYING IT SAFE



Fireworks and celebrations go together, especially during the Fourth of July and year end celebrations. Remember, fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burn and eye injuries. You can help us prevent fireworks-related injuries and deaths. We also need to remember that few fireworks are legal to display in Virginia without a permit. The general rule is any firework leaving the ground is not permissible in Virginia. Virginia describes permissible Fireworks as: **Any sparklers, fountains, Pharaoh's serpents, caps for pistols, or pin wheels commonly**

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Keep your eyes open for new recruitment efforts in the county including billboards and yard signs!

Safety Tips:

- *Do not allow young children to play with fireworks under any circumstances.
- *Sparklers considered by many the ideal "safe" firework for the young, burn at very high temperatures and can easily ignite clothing. Children cannot understand the danger involved and cannot act appropriately in case of emergency.
- *Older children should only be permitted to use fireworks under close adult supervision. Do not allow any running or horseplay.
- * Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from houses, dry leaves or grass and flammable materials.
- *Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies and for pouring on fire-

- *Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Douse and soak them with water and throw them away.
- *Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- *Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.
- *Keep unused fireworks away from firing areas.
- *Store fireworks in a dry, cool place. Check instructions for special storage directions.
- *Observe local laws.
- *Never have any portion of your body directly over a firework while lighting.
- *Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.

-Information sited from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY
FIRE MARSHAL,
RANDALL JOHNSON

TRAINING / EVENTS

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
<p>10—VA First Responders LODD/ Disability Benefits Seminar; in the Campbell Co. Haberer Building Board Room; 10a-12p. Register with Dana Rice</p> <p>14—Campbell County Rescue Commission Meeting @ CCRS, 7pm</p>	<p>2— Campbell County EMSAC Meeting; Haberer Building; 4pm</p> <p>11—Campbell County Rescue Commission Meeting @ Citizens Emergency Crew; 7pm</p>	<p>8— Campbell County Rescue Commission Meeting @ Altavista EMS; 7pm</p> <p>22-25—VAVRS 2010 Convention @ VA Beach</p> <p>15—Campbell County Fire Commission Meeting @ Rustburg VFD</p>



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**WORD ON THE
STREET**

**23 Students
Complete
Firefighter II
Course Work**

Public Safety is pleased to announce that 23 members of Fire and Rescue organizations completed 66hrs of training towards their Virginia Department of Fire Programs Firefighter II Certification. This certification will become official as each student completes the written exam. Public Safety would like to thank all students and instructors for their time and energy to make this program a success.

**Always re-
member train
like your life
depends on it**

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING ...

PS Tech Jennifer Kersey –
EMT Intermediate

PS Tech Matthew Crouch –
Firefighter 2

ALSO ... Please give a BIG welcome to the following NEW CCPS Employees;

PS Tech Justin Kidd –
EMT Intermediate

Dana Rice –
AHA CPR Instructor

- Scott Hechler—Director
- Randall Johnson—Fire Marshal

Brian Moody –
EMT Intermediate

Deborah Bush –
AHA CPR Instructor

- Amanda Markum—
Communications Officer I

PS Tech Dave Howell –
Paramedic



- Jill Dobson—Communications
Officer I



ALSO FIND US AT WWW.CAMPBELLCOUNTYVA.GOV