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# **Westfield Volunteer Fire Department Newsletter**

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**We are always  
looking for  
new members!**  
  
**Stop by on Sundays or  
contact a member for more  
information!**





## From the Desk of the Fire Chief

### 73 Rescue 1



Early this past Spring when the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department became certified in light rescue, we not only needed to obtain certain equipment required for rescue, but we also required space on our vehicles to carry this equipment to an emergency event. The leadership of the department started looking for solutions to this issue. In February, a citizen within the Westfield response district in Stokes County gave the department a generous donation to help with this process. The board decided to begin by checking the surplus equipment auction website GovDeals.com, looking for a cost-effective vehicle to house the equipment needed for our light rescue program. We found a vehicle that appeared to be in great shape, had the needed storage space, and had a few extra accessories that would benefit our district. This vehicle was located in Dover, New Jersey. After contacting the department that owned the vehicle and ensuring it would meet our needs, we started bidding on the auction website. After a two-week bidding process, the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department won the bid for a 1997 International/Pierce Walk-in Rescue truck.





## From the desk of the Fire Chief, Continued

In early March, Chief Jonathan Sutphin and Lt. Glenn Lamb flew to Dover New Jersey to inspect this truck and transport it back to its new home in Westfield NC. After a 15-hour ride, the truck pulled into the parking lot of our station in Westfield.



As soon as the truck arrived, the officers started making plans for the light rescue equipment to be placed on the truck. This Rescue truck will not only allow us to carry our light rescue equipment, but it will allow us to carry enough equipment to become medium rescue certified in the future. Some of the equipment this truck will be carrying includes cutters, spreaders, air bags, stabilizers, cribbing, hand tools, saws, ropes, rigging devices, lights, air packs, and much more.



## From the desk of the Fire Chief, Continued

Along with Rescue, this truck will help our tax paying citizens on our next ISO inspection thus keeping your insurance premiums as low as possible. Not only will it carry rescue equipment, it will also carry reserve fire equipment making it a full-service truck recognized by the state for insurance rating purposes. This truck has a 6-cylinder cascade air system with an air boosting compressor that allows us to fill roughly 60 air cylinders on the scene of any event. It also has a 30' light tower that extends from the top of the truck to light any scene during the nighttime hours. Another great feature of this truck is a walk-in command center. The walk-in command center is equipped with a computer, maps of the district, incident command paperwork, printer/fax/copier machine, preplan documents, hazardous material information, rehab materials, and much more.





## From the desk of the Fire Chief, Continued

The Westfield Volunteer Fire Department wants to thank the generous donation giver that allowed us to purchase this truck. The donation covered the entire purchase cost of the vehicle and the transportation from New Jersey to Westfield, plus much of the required rescue and command equipment on the vehicle. This truck will respond on all rescue type calls (traffic accidents, searches, entrapments, etc.). It will also respond on all structure fires, and any emergency that needs rehab, a command post, or an emergency requiring the filling of air cylinders. We hope to use this truck for many purposes over the next 10 plus years in the Westfield community in both Stokes and Surry County. Below are pictures of this truck in use on a rescue scene in Stokes County.





## AFG Grant



**Since 2001 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided federal grant funding for fire departments that are in critical need of personal protective equipment, fire apparatus, fire stations, and other critical life saving supplies. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) has helped thousands of fire departments throughout the 20 plus years with over \$7billion in funding. This year Westfield Fire-Rescue was awarded this grant to help purchase much needed Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) and New Technology Rescue Equipment. We will be replacing 18 SCBA's that were originally purchased in late 1980's and early 1990's. As you can imagine, a lot has changed with our breathing equipment in the past 32 years. So much so, we are unable to obtain replacement parts to keep these air-packs in service.**

**In addition to the 18 SCBA's (air-packs) we were awarded Battery Powered Rescue Equipment. This will help grow our rescue program by providing (1) Spreader, (1) Combi-Tool, (Cutter), and (1) Ram Extension. As mentioned in pervious additions of this Newsletter, Westfield Fire-Rescue has made a commitment to aid our fellow rescue squads in emergencies such as motor-vehicle accidents, farm related accidents, and so on.**



# FEMA



## AFG Grant, Cont.

**This equipment will help ensure that the citizens of Westfield and surrounding areas will have the best equipment in their most critical time of need. Our total grant award was \$171,000. The equipment we are purchasing will last this fire station and the community for at least 30 years or more.**



# FEMA



## New Sign Lights Up the Community

**Residents in our community have surely noticed the new sign in front of our station. We are so appreciative and thankful to be able to have such a great tool to help keep our community informed and up to date on the activities, weather events, and other important information that everyone needs to be aware of. We also will be offering sign rentals to members of the community to help advertise birthdays and special events. Please contact a member of the fire department to arrange for your special message for a small fee, however fees will be waived for church and civic organizations. A sample contract has been provided on the following page.**







# Sign Advertisement Contract

Westfield Volunteer Fire Department Advertising Sign

Cost:

\$10.00 = per 3 days

Date's that sign will be active

\$20.00 = per week

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\$60.00 = per month

Non-profits within the WVFD district = No Cost

All proceeds will help fund annual high school / college scholarships, Christmas toy drive, supplies for "on scene needs" for emergency calls, etc.

Please describe what needs to go on the sign. There will be a sign developed and sent to the customer before the sign goes active. Payment is due before the sign goes active.

Customer:

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Department representative approval:

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# OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Junior F.F. Training
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Monthly Business Meeting	10	11 Surry Co. Chief's Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Monthly Training	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



# NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Junior F.F. Training
6	7	8 Surry Co. Chief's Meeting	9	10	11	12 Rescue Day Four
13 Annual Busi- ness Meeting	14	15	16	17 Monthly Training	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Stokes Co. Chief's Assn.	30			



# DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Junior F.F. Training
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Monthly Business Meeting	12	13 Surry Co. Chief's Meeting	14	15 Monthly Training	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31