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# Westfield Volunteer Fire Department Newsletter

**Newsletter 3**

**2024**

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**We are always looking  
for new members!**

**Stop by on Sundays or  
contact a member for  
more information!**



## News from the Station

### Community Connection



Westfield Volunteer Fire Department is always seeking ways to be involved with the community. As we approach the end of 2024, there are three events that the fire department will be involved with.

The first event is the **Child Safety Trailer Demonstration** at Westfield Elementary School on October 15<sup>th</sup>. This trailer is used to teach kids the dangers of fire. It educates them on fire prevention, fire behavior, and survival if they encounter fire. This also allows them to meet firefighters who can help the community when needed.

The second event is a **Trick or Treat Party** occurring October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Fire Department from 6pm until 8pm. This is sponsored by Westfield Baptist Church. This is a Free Event for the community with food and Trunk or Treating that will include candy and small toys. All are welcomed.

The third event is the **Christmas Toy Drive**. Each year, local churches team up with the Fire Department to collect toys for community children of all ages. Additional items are also included to help other members of the family such as hygiene kits, clothing items or blankets, school supplies, gift cards, food trays, and spiritual literature. We intend to distribute the items collected on Christmas Eve to lift the spirits of local families and help them have a Merry Christmas. Thank you to all who are helping to make this a successful event.



## Call Statistics

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Surry County:				
Fire Calls:	25	13	28	66
Medical Calls:	16	11	14	41
Stokes County:				
Fire Calls:	3	5	14	22
Medical Calls:	5	7	14	26
Total Overall:				155

## New Members/New Staff

### July:

No new members this month

### August:

No new members this month

### September:

Owen Ridgley - Recruit Status

Matthew Baliles - Part Time Paid Firefighter



## Awards and Achievements

1. **Phil Sutphin** was awarded a plaque by Brian Booe for 30-plus years of representing our department at the Stokes County Fire and Rescue Association. Good Job Phil!!!



## Fundraising Results

We raised \$1,500 at the Nunn Brothers festival through the 50-50 fundraiser raffle.



## Public Education and Outreach efforts

The Westfield Volunteer Fire Department still has several smoke detectors available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the station (336-351-2576) or reach out through Facebook and request a smoke detector and someone from the station will come out and install the smoke detector for you.

Please check to see if your address is visible from the road. In an emergency, your physical address being visible from the road is crucial in getting help to you immediately. Also, if you have a gate to access your location, then please provide the access code to the Fire Department to speed up the process in getting to you. You can call the station and have someone come out and check all these details. They can also check your home to ensure proper smoke detectors are installed and working.



## Public Education and Outreach efforts (Continued...)

The Westfield Volunteer Fire Department would like to educate the community about the need to create a fire evacuation plan from your home. Here are the key steps to creating a fire evacuation plan:

### **1. Map out your home:**

- Draw a detailed floor plan of your house, including all doors, windows, and stairwells.
- Mark two escape routes from each room, considering potential obstacles like furniture or blocked exits.
- Identify any potential hazards like locked doors or windows that may impede escape.

### **2. Choose a meeting place:**

- Select a safe spot outside your home, a visible landmark like a neighbor's mailbox or streetlight, where everyone will gather after evacuating.
- Ensure the meeting place is a safe distance away from your house.

### **3. Practice your plan:**

- Conduct regular fire drills at least twice a year, practicing exiting from different rooms using your designated escape routes.
- Involve everyone living in the house, including children and older adults, in the drills.
- If necessary, practice using a fire escape ladder for upper-story windows.

### **4. Consider special needs:**

- If anyone in your household has mobility limitations, plan how to assist them during an evacuation.
- Ensure everyone knows how to activate a fire alarm and alert others in the house.



## Public Education and Outreach efforts (Continued...)

### Important safety rules to remember when evacuating:

- **Feel doors before opening:** If a door is hot to the touch, do not open it; use your alternate escape route.
- **Stay low to the ground:** Smoke rises, so crawl low to the floor when exiting a smoky room.
- **Never go back inside:** Once you are outside, never re-enter the burning house for any reason.

**Call 911 immediately:** Once safely outside, call the fire department from a safe location.

Go to this website to learn more about fire escape planning:

<https://fsfd.org/safety/home-fire-escape-planning/>



**Make a fire escape plan.**

Talk to your family about what you should do if there is a fire. Practice your fire escape plan at least 2 times a year.

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The image is a graphic with a circular cutaway view of a house on the left. Red dashed lines with arrows indicate various escape routes from different rooms, including going down stairs, out doors, and up to a second floor. To the right of the house is a text box with a red heading 'Make a fire escape plan.' and a paragraph of text. At the bottom right are logos for the U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.



## Thank you to....

Westfield VFD would like to thank all those that came out to the Blood Drive in July. We collected 22 units for the American Red Cross.

Westfield VFD would like to thank the Nunn Brothers for allowing us to conduct a 50-50 fundraiser raffle at their music festival in July.

Westfield VFD would like to thank Woodville Baptist Church WMU for providing a wonderful meal at the station on Sunday, August 11th. Your kindness is appreciated.

Westfield VFD would like to thank Captain Jordan Smith, Firefighter Monte Cockerham, and Firefighter Landon Martin for providing valuable search and rescue techniques training and hose advancement training on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Westfield VFD would like to thank Glenn Lamb and Stephen Perrone for providing lunch during the Hurricane Helene response days. This was helpful to keep the response teams going during the numerous calls on those days.





# OCTOBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Bible Study 6am	5
6  Group 2	7	8 Surry County Chiefs Meeting 6:30pm	9	10	11 Bible Study 6am	12
13 Monthly Business Meeting 3pm  <b>Church Toy Drive Meeting 4:30pm</b>  Group 3	14	15 <b>Westfield School Child Safety Trailer Demonstration 7:30am</b>	16	17 Training 6pm	18 Bible Study 6am	19
20  Group 4	21	22	23	24	25 Bible Study 6am	26
27  Group 5	28	29	30	31 <b>Trick or Treat Party @WVFD 6-8pm</b>		



# NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Bible Study 6am	2
3  Group 1	4	5	6	7	8 Bible Study 6am	9
10 <b>ANNUAL</b> Business Meeting 3pm  <b>Church Toy Drive Meeting 4:30pm</b>  Group 2	11	12 Surry County Chiefs Meeting @WVFD 6:30pm	13	14	15 Bible Study 6am	16
17  Group 3	18	19	20	21 Training 6pm	22 Bible Study 6am	23
24  Group 4	25	26 Stokes County Association Meeting 7pm	27	28	29 Bible Study 6am	30



# DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1          Group 5	2	3	4	5	6 Bible Study 6am	7
8 Monthly Business Meeting 3pm   <b>Church Toy Drive Meeting 4:30pm</b>  Group 1	9	10	11	12	13 Bible Study 6am	14
15          Group 2	16	17	18	19 Training 6pm	20 Bible Study 6am	21
22          Group 3	23	24 <b>Toy Drive Distribution to Community 8:30am</b>	25	26	27 Bible Study 6am	28
29          Group 4	30					