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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

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Taxes... We all hate them but we all have to pay them. Over the years, the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department has tried to use every penny that has been collected from taxpayers wisely, knowing this money comes from the citizens of the Westfield community. Over the last year the Board of Directors put together a truck committee to study the needs of our apparatus and to better understand the needs of the community over the next 20 plus years. The members of this committee consisted of three Chief Officers, Jonathan Sutphin, Matt Martin, and Lee Edwards, one team member from our Paid Staff personnel Matthew Hutchens, and one Firefighter Keven Nunn.

This committee was picked in August 2020 and was tasked to answer these three questions dealing with the next apparatus purchase for the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department.

- 1. What is the best way to preserve and continue to use our 1991 International Engine?**
- 2. Due to extensive use and age, what are the long term plans for our 1990 secondary Brush Unit?**
- 3. Over the next 20 years, what is the plan (apparatus wise) to continue to ensure our insurance rating stays at or below a 5/9E?**

Questions #1

Our 1991 International Engine is still a top notch apparatus, despite its age. The members of the department have done a great job taking care of this truck and preserving the life of this apparatus. The department utilises this truck for all structure fires, all mutual aid engine responses, and to flow all water points in our district and surrounding districts. This truck holds multiple pieces of equipment to perform tasks once it is on the scene of any incident (structure fire, wreck, water point, weather incident, etc). This truck is in excellent condition and serves the community well.



From the desk of the Fire Chief, Continued

Question #2

Our 1990 Ford F350, has been a great brush truck for our district. After buying this truck used from Pike Electric in 1999, the department refurbished this truck and made it our first run brush truck. It continued to serve the district in this role until 2015. Since then, this truck has served as our secondary brush apparatus. This truck runs all brush and woods fires, it assists with weather incidents within the district and it is the first run truck on all bad weather calls. For the last 21 years, this truck has seen its share of service and has done a great job of protecting property.

Question #3

In 2019, our department lowered the Insurance rating from a 9E to a class 5/9E rating in the Westfield fire district. This allowed all residents within five miles of our fire station to receive a reduction on their fire insurance. With any purchase of apparatus that our department makes, our main goal is to make sure the apparatus helps our citizens' insurance rating stay at a class 5/9E or lower.

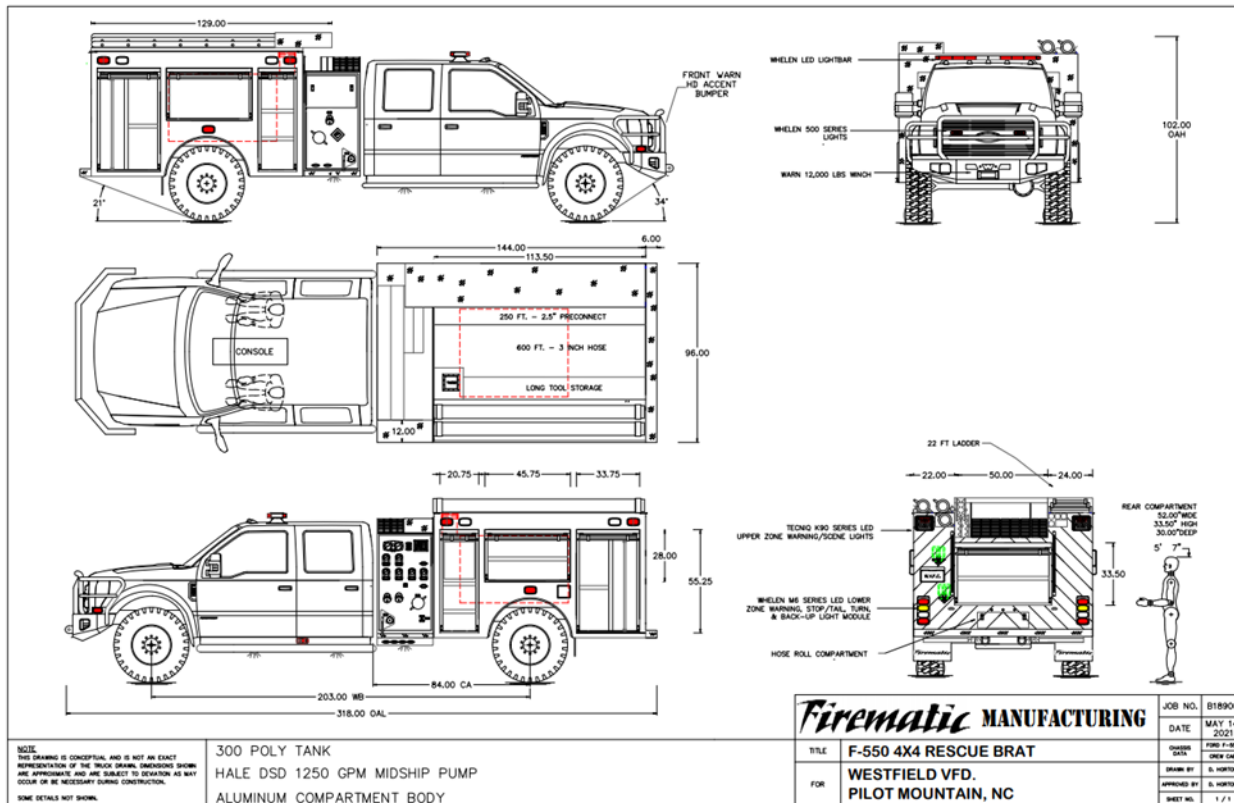
After many meetings, the committee decided to design a mini pumper that would lessen the load of our 1991 International engine and help preserve this truck for another 10-12 years. Through this design the mini pumper would have to meet criteria that would help our insurance rating stay at a class 5. The committee also decided to sell the secondary 1991 Ford brush truck and have the mini pumper replace it as a secondary wildland unit. Around Surry and Stokes counties, this type of truck does not exist. Through extensive research the department found several trucks that are performing the same tasks for their communities in the mountains of North Carolina. The committee took two different road trips to see these trucks, pump with these trucks, and drive these trucks. We really liked what we saw and knew this was the direction our department needed to go when buying our next apparatus.

The committee talked to several different companies that custom build mini pumpers. After many designs and drawings from 3 different companies, the committee decided to sign a contract to allow Firematic, out of New York, to design and construct a new Mini Pumper for the



From the desk of the Fire Chief, Continued

Westfield fire district. Below you will see drawings/specs of our new Mini pumper and equipment that will be housed in the new apparatus.



This truck will be equipped with the following tools to help protect the community when needed.

(4) SCBA's including masks

(4) SCBA spare bottles

(1) Trauma/Medical bag with AED

(4) traffic vest

(2) Stop/Slow signs for directing traffic
Area for one full set of structural gear

Incident command boards and passport system

Many couplings for different fire fighting situations

Foam system (eductor and buckets of foam)

(4) Hand lights, (2) Box lights, and (2) portable LED Tripod lights

(1) Thermal imaging camera



From the desk of the Fire Chief, Continued

(1) CO Atmosphere Monitor

Different forcible entry tools

(4) Forestry rakes, (2) Rogue Hoes, (1) bush axe, (1) Pulaski tool, (2) short shovels

(2) 20 lb Fire Extinguishers

(1) Water can

(6) traffic cones

(1) Chain saw with personal protective gear.

(1) Backpack Blower

(1) 3000w generator

(1) positive pressure fan

(1) low level jet strainer

(1) floating strainer

(1) Pro Pack

600' of supply line

(2) 200' section of 1.5" preconnected hose

(1) 200' section of 2.5" Preconnected hose

(2) 200' section of 1" hose soft lay for grass and woods fires

(3-4) sections of 9' hard suction hose

(1) 22' extension ladder

(2) pike poles, (2) NY hooks, (2) trash hooks

300 gallon water tank

1250 gpm Hale pump

Super Single DBL kit for off road capabilities

Heavy duty front bumper and 12,000lb winch

Taxes... The Westfield Fire Department knows that each resident works hard for their money and we want the taxpayers to know we spend this money in the most efficient way possible. In April of 2021, the department was awarded a grant that will pay \$30,000 towards this truck.



From the desk of the Fire Chief, Continued

With regular fire pumpers costing anywhere from \$400,000 - \$800,000, the Westfield Fire Department has designed an Engine that will cost the taxpayers roughly \$240,000 after the grant money is awarded. We will be the first department in Surry or Stokes County with a fire engine with these types of spec. The department will take ownership of this apparatus in the early summer of 2022. I want to thank the citizens of Westfield for your continued support for the department as we move forward with our next property and life saving purchase...

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Community Back-to-School Drive

WVFD is proud to partner once again with Westfield Baptist to sponsor a school supply drive for our community. We are collecting school supplies and nonperishable snacks to be delivered to school aged children in our area. If you would like to help please make donations at the Westfield Family Dollar or the WVFD any Sunday!



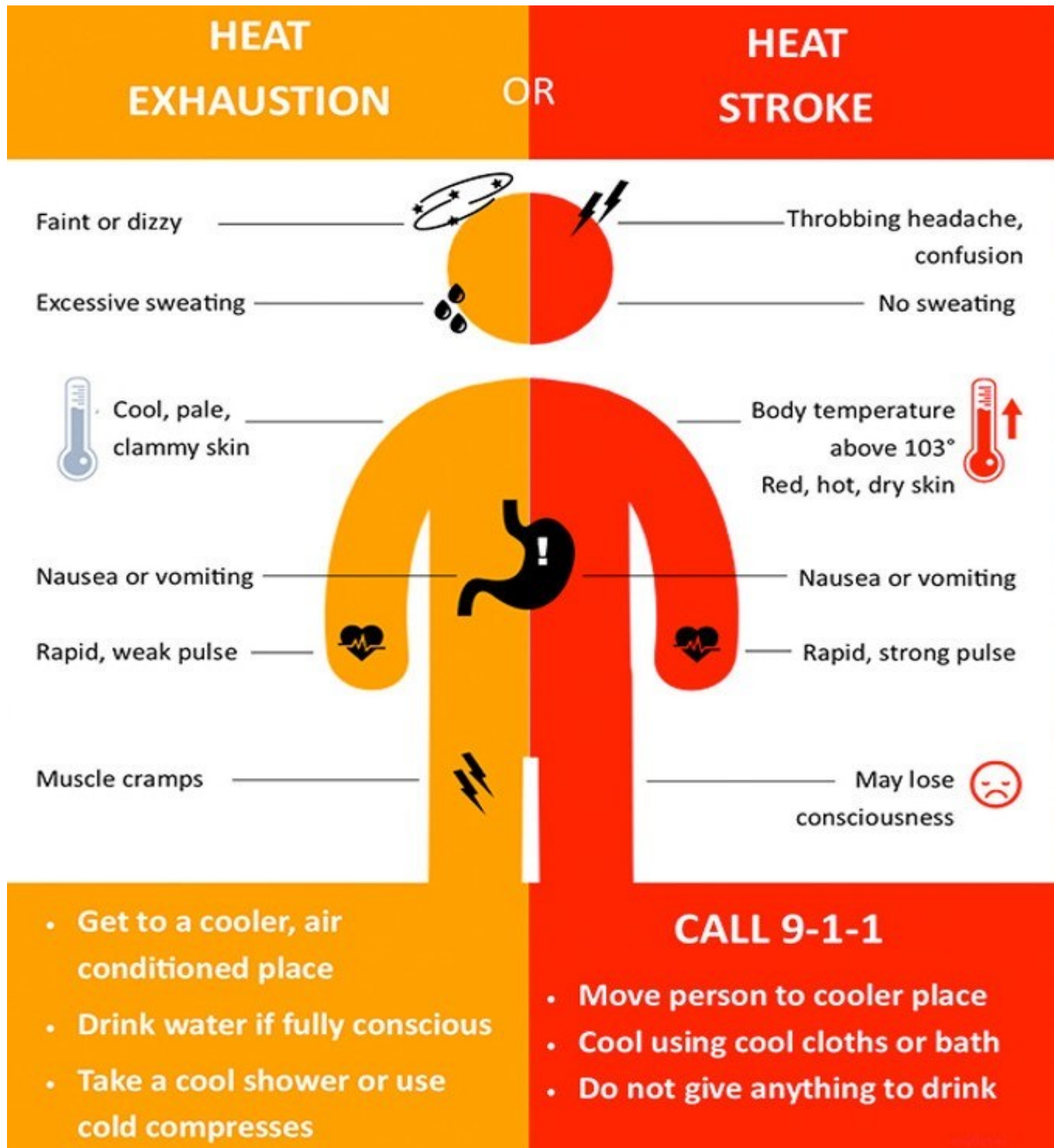
Thank you so much for your help meeting the needs of our youngest citizens!



Safety First

Boy howdy is it hot!! Stay cool this summer!

Remember: Heat Stroke can be deadly!! Know the signs and symptoms; the life you save could be your own!





WVFD First Response

Westfield Volunteer Fire Department would like to congratulate the following members on passing their state Emergency Medical Responder test! We are very proud of you!



Kevin Nunn



Kamron Nunn



Alan Young



Jimmy Harrison



July 2021

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



August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Business Meeting	9	10 Surry County Chief's Mtng.	11	12	13	14 Community Backpack Handout
15	16	17	18	19 Monthly Training	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Station Rented for private event 4:00 PM	28
29	30	31				



September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Vehicle Tech. Rescue Class	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Vehicle Tech. Rescue Class	9	10	11
12 Business Meeting	13 Vehicle Tech. Rescue Class	14 Surry County Chief's Mtng.	15 Vehicle Tech. Rescue Class	16 Monthly Training	17	18
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