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Board President & Captain: Jordan Smith

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> 1st Lieutenant: Kevin Nunn

First Responder Captain: Kamron Nunn

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### Westfield Volunteer Fire Department Newsletter

**Newsletter 1** 

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

#### 2024 ISO Inspection



In late February 2024, Westfield Volunteer Fire Department had an ISO inspection. ISO stands for Insurance Services Office. This is an independent, for-profit organization. This organization scores fire departments on how they are doing against the ISO standards to determine property insurance costs. We are still waiting on the final results from this inspection, but indications are that we did well. Why is an ISO inspection so important? This is a measure of our readiness and risk reduction in emergency situations whether it is a fire or medical response.

Insurance companies and citizens of the community prefer fast responses and readiness to save lives and property from tremendous damage. Fires do not take long to cause tremendous damage. Medical issues can escalate quickly if someone does not respond quick enough. Therefore, our rating is a sign to the community and to the insurance companies that we are prepared to respond quickly and effectively.

#### **Don Riddle Memorial Scholarship**

This \$500, one-time scholarship is provided in memory of long-time firefighter, Don Riddle. Applicants can download the application from our website. (www.westfieldvfd.com)

The deadline is April 19, 2024 for completed applications to be submitted. The award will be given to the selected winner at their Senior Awards Day at the end of the 2024 school year.



#### **Call Statistics**

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Surry County:	•	·		
Fire Calls:	2	4	4	10
Medical Calls:	19	4	13	36
Stokes County:				
Fire Calls:	1	3	3	7
<b>Medical Calls:</b>	12	1	10	23

Total Overall: 76

#### **New Members**

#### January:

Josh East - Inactive Status

Harrison Parks - Recruit Status

Kaitlyn Whitaker - Senior Status

Mallory Martin - Recruit Status

Jacob Weaver - Recruit Status

#### February:

Kallie Hutchens - Junior Status

Howard Williams - Recruit Status

Chris Lineberry - Recruit Status

#### March:

None



#### Awards and Achievements

- 1. Luke Mabe completed his EMT certification at the beginning of 2024. Congratulations!!!
- 2. Landon Martin completed his EMT certification at the beginning of 2024. Congratulations!!!
- 3. Logan Cockerham finished in first place in the Skills USA Firefighting Basic Regionals competition. Congratulations!!!
- 4. Jordan Smith, Glenn Lamb, and Kevin Nunn received a Life Saving Award at the February business meeting for efforts in saving a life back in January 2023. Good Job fellows!!!

#### Latest Grants Awarded

Grants help us add vital equipment. Here are a few examples of the grants received and how implemented.

Stokes County 2023 Grant: \$50,000. This grant was allocated towards tires, rescue items, and payments towards Engine 3



Rescue 1 (placed in service 2023)



Engine 3 (placed in service 2023)



### Latest Grants Awarded (Continued....)

# 2023 SAFER Grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response): \$163,435.00

- \$139,560.00 of that grant money is distributed over 4 years to pay for calls, recruitment, certifications, physicals and turnout gear
  - Pays each responder \$15 per call over a 4-year period (paid each quarter). This helps encourage member response and participation.
  - Provides full set of new turnout gear for up to 12 new members over a 4-year period (3 members per year)
  - Pays \$200 for receiving a new EMT certification for any member
  - Pays \$300 for receiving a new Firefighter certification for any member.
  - Pays \$100 towards new member physicals.
- \$23,875.00 of that grant money is paid by FEMA and has been used to pay for our LED sign.

#### 2023 AFG Grant (Assistance to Firefighters Grant): \$171,242.85

- \$128,825.48 of that grant money has been used to purchase Scott Air Packs and Air Bottles
- \$42,417.37 of that grant money has been used to purchase Hurst Rescue/Cutting Tools



#### Public Education and Outreach efforts

The Westfield Volunteer Fire Department would like to notify the community of a Smoke Alarm campaign that is currently under way. Early detection of smoke in a home will help save lives and give precious seconds or even minutes for the occupants to respond to a dangerous situation. The station has 40 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. We will also check any existing smoke detectors that you have for functionality and help install batteries, if needed. Priority for this service will be given to those homes and citizens in the Westfield Fire Department coverage district. If you have smoke detectors, but you are not sure if they work or if they have not had batteries installed, then please feel free to call us and we can still come out and check them for you. If the smoke detector is chirping, then that is a sign that the battery needs to be replaced. Please don't delay, reach out today.





### Thank you to....

We want to always remember and thank those firefighters and first responders that started this organization and those retired individuals that have served their community for several years as a volunteer.

We want to thank all of those involved in the Christmas Toy Drive at the end of 2023. All the support from the community made this a success.

We want to thank the Moose Lodge in Yadkinville for the 20 stuffed Tommy Moose dolls that they provided to us to hand out to children that we encounter on emergency calls. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Glenn Lamb accepted these on behalf of the station. These have been placed on our trucks and ready when needed.





We want to thank Lucas East and Sandra East for donating several stuffed animals for us to hand out to children that we encounter on emergency calls. These have been placed on our trucks and ready when needed.

We want to thank the Pilot Mountain Chapter of Gideons International for donating several New Testament Bibles for us to hand out to people that we encounter on emergency calls. These have been placed on our Engines and ready when needed.



# **APRIL 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Bible Study 6am	6
7 Group 1	8	9 Surry County Chiefs Meeting 6:30pm	10	11	12 Bible Study 6am  Technical Rescue 6-10pm	Technical Rescue 8am-until
14 Monthly Business Meeting 3pm Technical Rescue 8am-until Group 2	15	16	17	18 Training 6pm	19 Bible Study 6am Scholarship Deadline	20
21 Group 3	22	23	24	25	26 Bible Study 6am  Technical Rescue 6-10pm	27 Technical Rescue 8am-until
28 Technical Rescue 8am-until Group 4	29	30				



# **MAY 2024**

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Group 5						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Monthly		Surry County		Training	Bible Study	Rescue Day
Business Meeting		Chiefs Meeting		6pm	6am	All-Day
3pm		6:30pm				(Open to all
<b>-</b>						Surrounding Squads)
Group 1						Squaus)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					Bible Study	
					6am	
Group 2						
Group 2						
26	27		29	30	31	
		Stokes County			Bible Study	
		Association			6am	
		Meeting				
Group 3		7pm				



# **JUNE 2024**

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Group 3						