



BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

2017 ANNUAL REPORT





MISSION STATEMENT

The Bedford Fire Department is committed to preserving life and property through rapid emergency response, public education, organizational preparedness, and planning.

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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Community Members,

Once again I am pleased to provide our annual report; a review of 2017 that highlights the fire departments accomplishments and continued progress. It is a great honor to lead such a professional group of men and women who make this community's well-being a priority over their own interest. As we reflect on the department's 129th year of service, it's a remarkable feat that this group of men and women are able to answer 100% of the calls dispatched, especially when call volumes have grown to exceed 1,100 emergencies annually. This report highlights our other successes, goal accomplishments, response statistics, and daily operations.

In closing, on behalf of the men and women of the Bedford Fire Department, I would like to thank our citizens and local leaders for their continued support of our department. We continue to enjoy tremendous support from both the Bedford Town Council and the Bedford County Board of Supervisors as both recognize public safety as their top priorities.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Brad Creasy'.

L. Brad Creasy
Fire Chief



The need for organized fire protection in the then Town of Liberty became most evident on the morning of October 12, 1884 when a fire began in a store operated by J.N. Early on the southeast corner of Bridge Street and Rail- road Avenue. When the fire was discovered in the early morning hours very little could be done, as there was no organized fire department and a meager water supply. When daylight came, only two buildings were left standing, and the scene was one of desolation. In the years to follow, several important events contributed to the growth of this small town. When owners began rebuilding their downtown businesses they used more permanent materials such as brick and heavy timber. The town also began installing a municipal water supply and had installed twenty-five fire hydrants by 1886. Area businessmen met in the fall of 1887 to discuss the need for an organized fire company to protect area businesses and homes. Several months later in early 1888, the Bedford Volunteer Fire Department was organized with a membership of twenty-five volunteer firemen, most of whom were downtown merchant owners.

Originally located on Court Street near the intersection of East Main Street, the Town of Bedford constructed a new firehouse for the fire department on West Depot Street in 1927. To accommodate larger apparatus and a growing membership, the City of Bedford built the current fire station at 315 Bedford Avenue in 1974.



DEPARTMENT HISTORY

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

OPERATIONAL OFFICERS

Creasy, Brad | Chief of Department

Scott, Matthew | Deputy Chief

Garten, Jeremy | Assistant Chief

Wills, Stacey | Captain

Gulatsi, John | 1st Lieutenant

King, Ryan | Lieutenant

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Moore, John | President

Gardner, Chris | Vice President

Crouch, Brandon | Secretary

Marshall, CJ | Assistant Secretary

Stevens, Russell | Treasurer

McGinnis, MJ | Chaplain

FIREFIGHTERS

Adkins, Matthew | Firefighter/EMT-B

Allen, Matthew | Firefighter

Baker, Chad | Firefighter/Paramedic

Beisser, Jake | Firefighter

Carter, Eric | Firefighter

Campbell, Scott | Firefighter/Paramedic

Creasey, Billy | Firefighter/EMT-B

Cornett, Barry | Firefighter/ EMT-B

Crouch, Brandon | Firefighter

Cunningham, Zeph | Firefighter

Davis, Logan | Firefighter

Dixon, Joshua | Firefighter/Paramedic

Donner, John | Probationary Firefighter

Elston, Mike | Firefighter/Paramedic

Fulton, Greg | Firefighter/EMT-B

Hacker, Gerald | Firefighter/EMT-A

Hailey, Stacey | Firefighter/EMT-B

Hamner, Nicholas | Firefighter/Paramedic

Hecker, Rudy | Firefighter/EMT-I

Hoback, Giles | Probationary Firefighter

King, Ryan | Firefighter

Marshall, Curtis | Firefighter/Paramedic

Martin, Kincaid | Firefighter/EMT-A

McGinnis, MJ | Firefighter/EMT-A

Moore, John | Firefighter/EMT-B

Musgrove, Gordon | Firefighter

Musgrove, Kevin | Firefighter/EMT-B

Musgrove, Tiffaney | Firefighter/Paramedic

Neas, Taylor | Firefighter/Paramedic

Long, Brandon | Firefighter

Ohlinger, Jon | Firefighter/Paramedic

Overstreet, Jacob | Firefighter

Overstreet, Jason | Firefighter/EMT-B

Palmore, Austin | Firefighter/Paramedic

Parker, James | Firefighter/EMT-B

Pizza, Trenton | Probationary Firefighter/EMT-I

Reyna, Alex | Firefighter/Paramedic

Rice, Nicholas | Firefighter/Paramedic

Schacter, Thomas | Probationary Firefighter

Shutt, Matthew | Firefighter/EMT-B

Walters, William | Firefighter

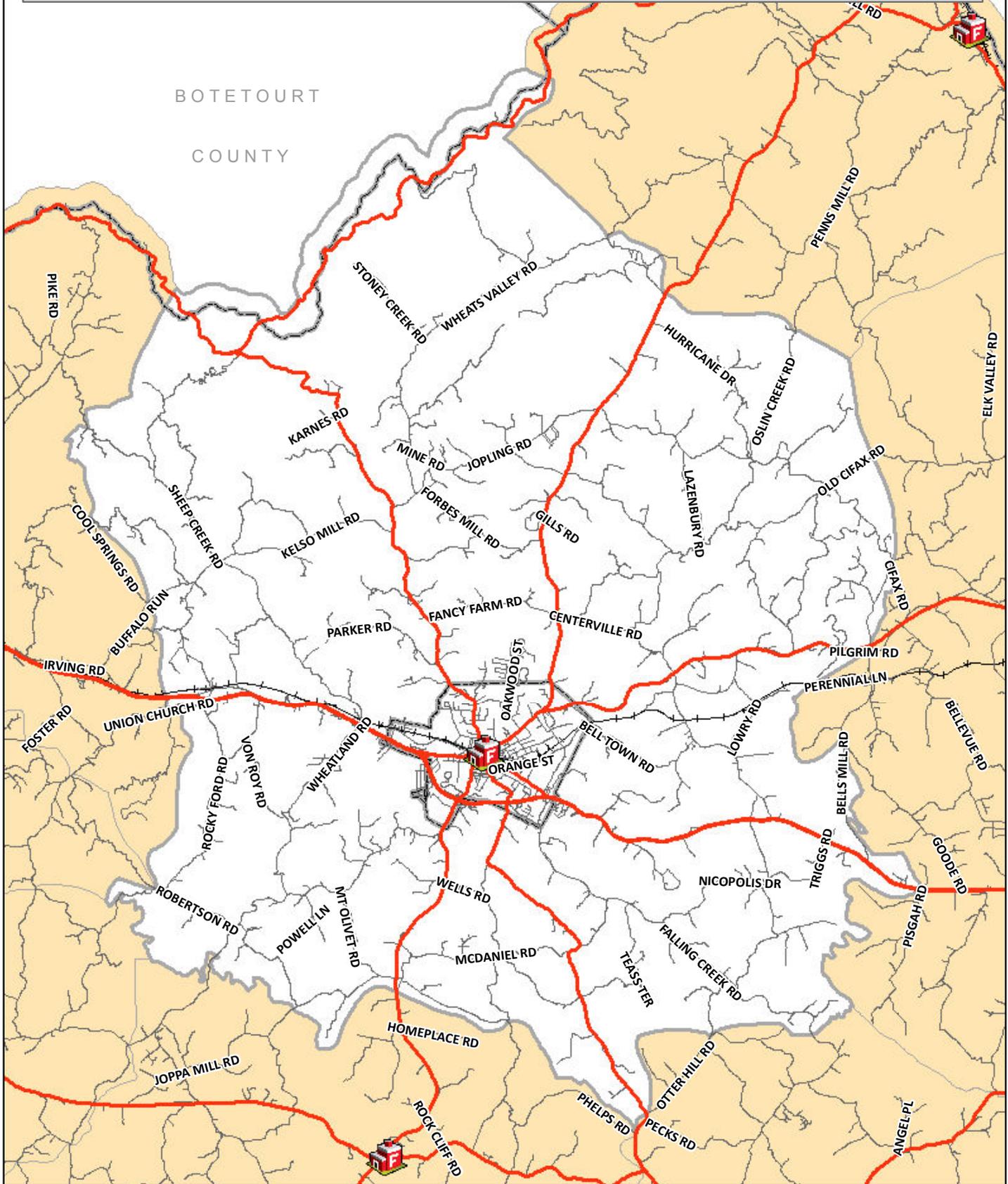
Weicking, Addison | Firefighter/Paramedic

Wills, Stacey | Firefighter/EMT-B

Wodicka, Reid | Firefighter/EMT-B

John Wilcher | Photo Unit

Bedford Fire Company - First Due Response Area





RESPONSE SUMMARY

CALLS BY NATURE

Working Fires (Structural)	44
Vehicle Fires	21
Extrications	24
Brush Fires	50
SOC Responses	13
Critical EMS (i.e. CPR)	82
Patient Assist (Uninjured)	41

CALLS BY DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	123
Monday	165
Tuesday	166
Wednesday	163
Thursday	167
Friday	169
Saturday	124



SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

January 17, 2017 04:56 a.m.- BFD units responded to 708 Grove Street for a house on fire. Three unconscious victims were pulled from the home; two that survived and one child who perished from her injuries.

February 21, 2017 – Company 1 and SOC responded to Coltons Mill Road and rescued a 6 year old boy that was trapped in a swamp behind the residence. The boy's 9 year old brother called 911 himself after his mother told him to. Good in-home-training allowed the boy to give his name, address, and what was wrong to dispatch. The 6 year old boy, and his mother were rescued from the swamp by means of a ladder, and rope.

May 14, 2017 – Support 1 with the Alpha Boat responds to the James River to assist Lynchburg City with a swift water rescue. Eleven victims were rescued from the river.

June 16, 2017 1:00pm – BFD units responded to Bellevue Road in Goode for reports of a collision between a backhoe and an Amtrak train. Rescue 1 (with six) was assigned by command to access and remove the patient who was approximately 65 feet below grade on the tracks. A 4:1 haul system with stokes basket was established using R1 as an anchor but the patient was actually transported out by the RAV who found a quick access point in and out.

August 12, 2017 - The Bedford Fire Department and the Forest Fire Department squared off for some interdepartmental fun. The softball game set the platform with other departments as we seek better working relationships and better morale.

October 25, 2017- First Annual Bedford County Truck School held at the Bedford Area Fire Training Facility. Almost fifty students participated in the one day hands-on class taught by area instructors.

December 3, 2017 11:11pm- BFD units responded to 915 Peaks Street Apt B for the report of smoke in a residence. The fire was marked under control at 11:28 pm after firefighters made a quick knock down and contained the fire to the area of origin.

December 29, 2017- BFD units responded to the 2400 block of Charlemont Road in Sedalia to assist the Big Island Fire Department on a house fire. Wagon 1 arrived first to find heavy fire showing through the roof of the two-story residence. Three units and over twenty BFD firefighters operated on scene or stood by in station to cover.



GOALS ACCOMPLISHED

- Constructed a 3000 square foot storage building at the Bedford Area Fire Training Facility to accommodate reserve apparatus and surplus equipment.
- Focusing on firefighter health and safety, applied for federal grant to purchase \$65,000 of exercise equipment. If granted, a room will be remodeled within the quarters of Medic 14-1 to allow equipment to be utilized by both BFD and BCoFR staff.
- Ordered new truck chassis and service body to replace current first responder unit - Utility 1. Expected in-service date is March 1, 2018.
- Established a Long-Range Planning Committee who developed a strategic plan with short-term and long-term goals that included: Re-instituting pre-fire plan program with a goal of uploading twenty-five plans annually into Active911 software, begin serving dinner before meetings to increase attendance, and re-evaluating drill dates to possibly include weekends and non-traditional nights.
- Installed new keyless entry system throughout the firehouse to provide better security for our personnel.
- Transitioned into newly updated 800mhz digital radio system with new mobile and portable radios without major incident.
- Replaced 40 year-old emergency generator at firehouse with new 80KW diesel generator.

2017 SPECIAL AWARDS

TOP TEN CALL RUNNERS

- 1. Matt Scott- 629 calls
- 2. Ryan King- 482 calls
- 3. MJ McGinnis- 456 calls
- 4. Brandon Crouch- 398 calls
- 5. Alex McKinney- 326 calls
- 6. Jeremy Garten- 280 calls
- 7. Nick Rice- 278 calls
- 8. CJ Marshall-273 calls
- 9. Chirs Gardner- 239 calls
- 10a. Stacey Wills- 236 calls
- 10b. John Moore- 236 calls
- 10c. Greg Fulton- 236 calls

GROVE STREET FIRE AWARD

- Matt Scott
- Brandon Crouch
- MJ McGinnis
- Reid Wodicka
- Jeremy Garten
- Tiffaney Musgrove
- Zeph Cunningham
- Russell Stevens
- James Parker
- Chris Gardner
- Nick Rice

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Zeph Cunningham
- Jeremy Garten

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

- Reid Wodicka

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

- Alex McKinney
- Matt Scott

LIFESAVING AWARD

- Nick Rice



CERTIFICATIONS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FIREFIGHTER I

Trenton Pizza

John Donner

FIRE OFFICER I

Nick Rice

BASIC PUMP OPERATIONS

Austin Palmore

Kincaid Martin

NFPA 1403 AWARENESS

Nick Rice

NATIONAL REGISTRY PARAMEDIC

Nick Rice

Austin Palmore

Addison Weicking

Nic Hamner

VEHICLE RESCUE I

Nic Hamner

Jeremy Garten

Austin Palmore

SMITHFIELD TRUCK SCHOOL

Kincaid Martin

BEDFORD COUNTY TRUCK SCHOOL

Chris Gardner

Jarod Hill

Matt Adkins

Alan Harless

L967 LOGISTICS SECTION CHIEF

Billy Creasey

ALL-HAZ PLANNING SECTION CHIEF

Billy Creasey

ICS 300 & 400

Billy Creasey

MAYDAY FIREFIGHTER DOWN

Austin Elmore

Giles Hoback

Rudy Hecker

John Donner

INSTRUCTOR I

Stacey Wills

FFI & II TRAIN THE TRAINER

Stacey Wills

FIRE INSTRUCTOR II

Reid Wodicka

INTRO TECH RESCUE MOD II

Austin Palmore

Kincaid Martin

SWIFTWATER RESCUE TECH

Kincaid Martin

Reid Wodicka

Austin Palmore

Addison Weicking

SOC SCHOOL

Reid Wodicka

Kincaid Martin

AMTRAK TRAINING

Chris Gardner

James Parker

Stacey Wills

Matt Scott

Brad Creasy

Billy Creasey

Austin Elmore

AIRPORT RESCUE FIREFIGHTER

CJ Marshall



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DOUBLE MAJOR IN BIOLOGY AND HEALTH PROMOTION

CJ Marshall

APPARATUS



Engine 1
2007 Seagrave Pumper
1500GPM/750 gallons



Rescue 1
2015 Pierce Walk-In
Heavy Rescue



Ladder 1
2007 Seagrave 100' TDA



Wagon 1
2014 Seagrave Pumper
15000GPM/1000 Gallons



Support 1
2017 Chevrolet 3500



Command 1
2017 Chevrolet Tahoe



Area Protected	182
Residential Structures in the Primary Response Area	8,539
Commercial Structures in the Primary Response Area	649
Estimated Population	22,000
Average Number of Apparatus per Response	2
Average Number of Firefighter per Response	9
Career Firefighter Needed per Shift	10/Shift
Shifts Needed for 24hr/7days a week Coverage	3
Average Career Chief Officer Salary	\$80,000
Average Career Firefighter/EMT Salary	\$36,000
Average Career Firefighter/Medic Salary	\$38,000
Savings per Firefighter	\$45,010
Savings per Resident	\$549
Total Annual Volunteer Savings	\$4,501,000



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Our fire safety program includes general fire safety presentations, puppet shows, fire safety trailer demonstrations, health fairs, and fire extinguisher training. The program is designed to teach people of all ages the dangers of fire and how to exit the home in the event of fire.

Our Program, in partnership with the Bedford County Fire & Rescue Department, routinely visits town and county elementary schools together to conduct fire safety and public education training. The program also works closely with local preschool and day care facilities to expose small children to firefighters and their equipment.

Since the leading cause of home fires and home injuries is cooking fires, it's important that we educate members of the community on the use of fire extinguishers. Our firefighters routinely teach fire extinguisher classes for hospital employees, local civic organizations, and school programs.

Thanks to generous grants from the Firefighters Charitable Organization and the American Red Cross the Bedford Fire Department offers a free smoke detector program to bring residences into compliance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommendations. Over 500 smoke detectors have been installed in Bedford homes since the program began.







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