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**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2025 @5:30 PM  
CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING  
W.J. ALLRAN JR. COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
106 S. JACOB STREET CHERRYVILLE, NC 28021**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION:**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: HONORABLE MAYOR H.L. BEAM
- II. AGENDA APPROVAL
- III. END OF YEAR REPORT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE CHIEF JASON WOFFORD (See Agenda Materials) pg.(s) 1-13
- IV. END OF YEAR REPORT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT, POLICE CHIEF BRANDON HUNSUCKER (See Agenda Materials) pg.(s) 14-19
- V. DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIDEOS, CITY MANAGER BRIAN DALTON
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

*Providing exceptional service to our community  
that inspires life to blossom*



**Cherryville Fire Department  
2024 Annual Report**





# Message From the Chief

**Dear Honorable Mayor Beam, City Council Members, and Mr. Dalton,**

**I hope this letter finds you all well. As 2024 has come to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the successes and accomplishments of the Cherryville Fire Department over the past year. I am extremely proud of the dedication and hard work displayed by our staff. Their professionalism, commitment, and community spirit continue to exceed expectations, and it has been a true honor to lead such a talented team.**

**As most of you are aware, I have announced my retirement, effective December 2025. I am deeply grateful to have had the opportunity to serve this wonderful community for 36 years, and I want to personally thank each of you—Mayor Beam, the City Council, and Mr. Dalton—for your unwavering support of the Cherryville Fire Department during my tenure. Your continued belief in our mission has made a significant difference in the success we've achieved.**

**In light of my upcoming retirement, I would like to inform you that Assistant Chief Heffner has graciously offered to take on additional administrative responsibilities. I fully support and agree with this decision, and as we approach the remainder of 2025, you will begin to see Assistant Chief Heffner attending council meetings, work sessions, and participating in other key administrative functions.**

**Once again, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for the privilege of serving as Fire Chief for the past four years. It has been a rewarding experience, and I look forward to finishing my time here with my great staff and wonderful city leaders.**

**Sincerely,**

**Jason Wofford, Fire Chief**





# Message From the Assistant Chief

Honorable Mayor Beam, City Council Members and Mr. Dalton,

Enclosed with this correspondence, please find the Cherryville Fire Department Annual Report for 2024. This document contains key statistics and highlights the efforts of our department throughout the year.

One notable point to address within the report is our call volume, which decreased by approximately 250 EMS responses in 2024. This reduction was due to a temporary staffing shortage from multiple resignations that required us to lower our EMS response by one service level. In light of this, we have filled these vacancies and are back to our minimum staffing levels and are currently in the process of re-establishing full EMS response.

I want to express my gratitude for your steadfast support and investment in the City of Cherryville and its Fire Department. Your leadership and commitment allow us to uphold our mission to protect and serve our citizens effectively. Furthermore, I am deeply honored to serve as the Assistant Fire Chief and appreciate the trust and confidence you have placed in me.

Thank you again for all you do to enhance the safety and well-being of our city. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or require additional information regarding the enclosed report.

Sincerely,

Colby Heffner, Assistant Fire Chief



# Organizational Chart

**Chief**

**Jason Wofford**

**Assistant Chief**

**Colby Heffner**

**Administrative Assistant**

**Brittany Bingham**

**Captain - A Shift**

**Phillip Smith**

**Captain - B Shift**

**Nathan Bowman**

**Captain - C Shift**

**Trent Rayfield**

**D/E - A Shift**

**Michael Griffin**

**D/E - B Shift**

**Jonathan Pearson**

**D/E - C Shift**

**Alexis Bush**

**Part-time/Volunteer  
Firefighters**



# Guiding Values

## **Mission Statement:**

“Safeguarding Our Community Through Exceptional Service”

## **Vision Statement:**

Integrity, Professionalism, Dependability

## **Operational Ethics:**

Cherryville Firefighters always think “FIRST”  
which is that of Fortitude, Integrity, Respect, Service and  
Tradition.

**F**ortitude **I**ntegrity **R**espect **S**ervice **T**radition

# Promotions

**Driver Engineer Phillip Smith was promoted to Captain of A Shift and Volunteer Firefighter Michael Griffin was promoted to Driver Engineer of A Shift. Both Smith and Griffin are a great addition to the Cherryville Fire Department and we appreciate all they do for our organization!**





# New Faces

**In 2024 we hired Driver Engineer Alexis Bush to C Shift. Alexis is from the Tryon community where she also serves as a volunteer firefighter at Tryonota. We gladly welcome Alexis to CFD and wish her the best!**





# Retirements

**Congratulations to Chaplain Vince Hefner  
for his 15 years of service to the Cherryville  
Fire Department!**



# Calls for Service

**Total Calls for Service: 1,003**

**Fire: 25**

**EMS: 613**

**Service Calls: 365**

## **Mutual Aid:**

- **Automatic Aid Received: 34**
- **Mutual Aid Received: 8**
- **Mutual Aid Given: 11**

**Overlapping/Simultaneous Incidents: 26**

## **Response/Turnout Times:**

- **Average Response Time: 04:25**
- **Average Turnout Time: 01:37**





# Property Damage

**The Cherryville Fire Department estimated a total of \$146,600.00 in property damage in 2024. This was derived from two structure fires on North and South Mountain Street which were within 24 hours of each other.**



## Certifications Obtained by Full-Time Staff

- **Trent Rayfield: NC Fire Officer III & NC Probationary Fire Inspector II**
- **Nathan Bowman: VFIS Instructor, NC Car Seat Technician**
- **Colby Heffner: NC Fire Officer III & NC Car Seat Technician**
- **Michael Griffin: NC Firefighter Certification**

**Total Training Hours Logged by Department: 2,875.74**

## Grants

**The Cherryville Fire Department applied for the FEMA SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant to request much needed full-time employees to increase our minimum staffing from two to three. We were not selected, but will re-submit in 2025.**



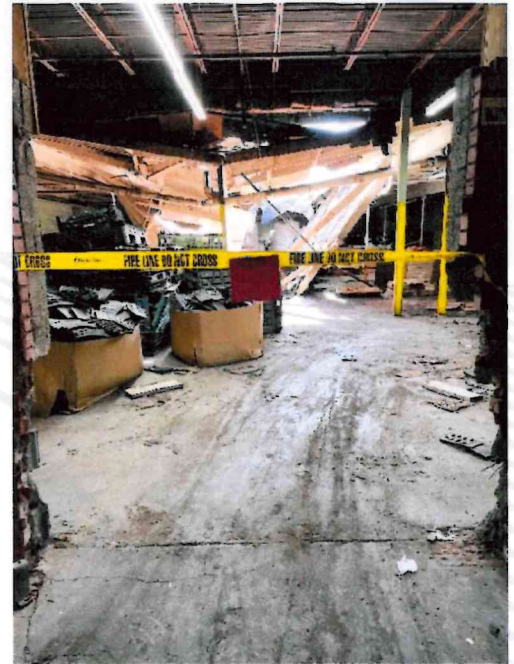
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# Fire Prevention

**Total Fire Inspections Completed: 97**

**534 people were reached through fire prevention efforts in 2024. These individuals were reached through station tours, school field trips, career days, community events and fire prevention week activities.**









# Cherryville Police Department

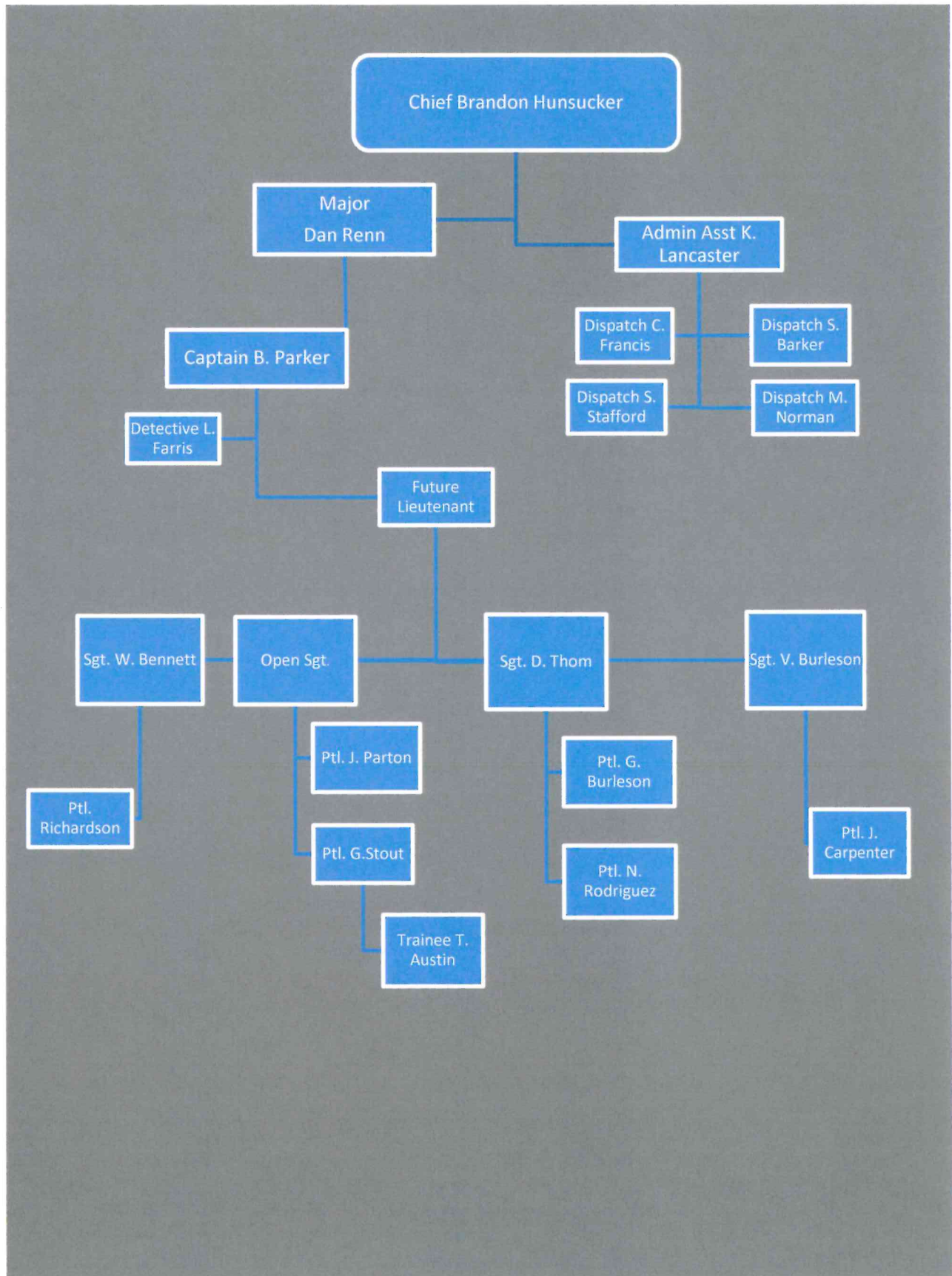


**2024**

**End of Year Report**

# Cherryville Police Department

## Organizational Chart





Call Log Summary	2022	2023	2024
Total Calls	19945	13,722	15,720
Security Checks on Businesses and Residences	10838	4944	3,579
Motor Vehicle Collisions	244	254	268
Traffic Stops	1547	1,880	1582
Domestic Calls	176	149	164
Larceny Calls	133	198	196
Alarms (Business and Residential)	370	482	384
Fight in Progress	18	17	13
Breaking and Entering or Burglaries	64	61	62
Damage to Property	54	53	52
911 Hang Up Calls	45	57	56
Assaults	29	33	72
Foot Patrol	915	537	287
Suspicious Persons	1076	1024	287
Subject with a Gun	1	23	11
Sexual Offenses	6	12	13
Intoxicated Driver	24	23	24
Assist Other Agencies	382	429	382
Arrests	429	640	429
Citations Issued	926	1293	926

**Green** = Numbers Up From 2023

**Red** = Numbers Down From 2023

## INCIDENTS AND INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BASED ON CALL TYPES

Incidents and Investigations	2022	2023	2024
Number of Incidents and Investigations	816	1081	1009
Murder	1	0	2
Rape	2	5	4
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	1
Robbery	1	0	1
Assaults	44	48	44
Burglary (forcible entry)	34	41	38
Larceny	71	106	123
Fraud and Forgeries	36	51	64
Drug Crimes	130	190	109
Overdose	unknown	35	17

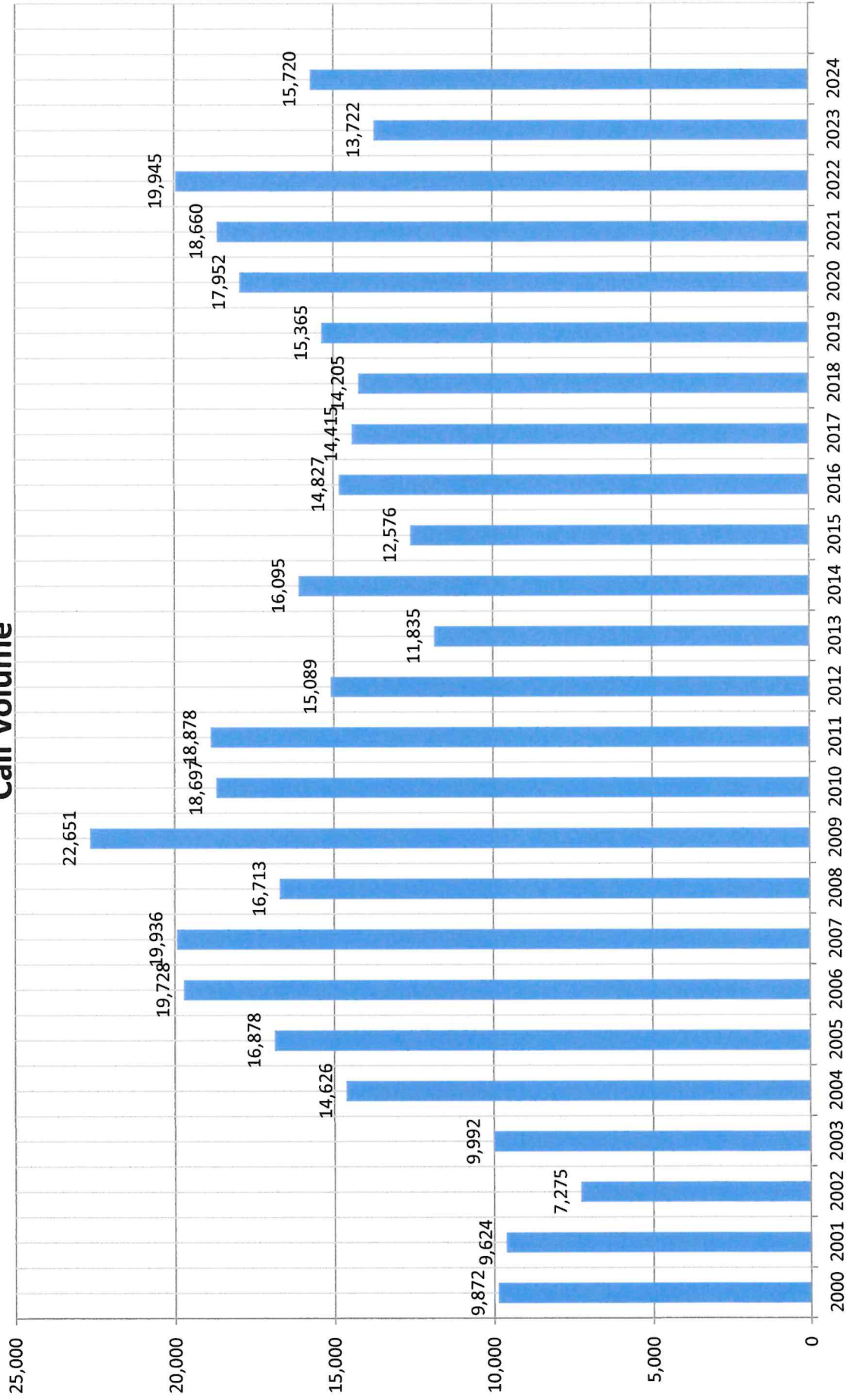
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Total Calls Per Month	2022	2023	2024
January	1,762	1,163	2,076
February	1,629	1,205	1,569
March	1,932	1,126	1,737
April	2,184	1,188	1,361
May	1,855	1,245	1,105
June	1,787	940	733
July	1,688	1,112	946
August	1,421	959	1,289
September	1,438	1,108	1,450
October	1,616	1,297	1,248
November	1,252	1,159	1,020
December	1,380	1,220	1,186
Total	19,945	13,722	15,720

# Call Volume



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