

## MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

I want to first off thank each and every full time, part-time, and volunteer member for their support over the last month. We have went through some pretty significant changes and you all have been super supportive. We will continue to work together to make KCFS better. This department is not my department, it is our department. We will do one of these newsletters every month, and try to recap what all we have done, accomplishments, and those kinds of things to help keep everyone in the loop. I believe in good communications.



## WHAT'S GOING ON

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## LOOKING BACK AT JULY 2024

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, Chief Bullard took over as Fire Chief after Chief Glover was promoted to Executive Director of Emergency Services. We were able to schedule a Full Time Staff Meeting to go over the budget along with new expectations as we move forward. We discussed putting together committees to help the department. These Committees will be the Membership/Personnel Committee, Training Committee, Apparatus/Equipment Committee, and New Software Implementation Committee.

The Immediate Goal for us as a department will be working to Standardize Apparatus & Equipment. As Personnel begin, we ask that no one add or remove equipment to the trucks as we go through this process. We will also be working through the beginning stages of our implementation of our new reporting software. We have selected to go with ImageTrend. The plan is to be up and running by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

One of the Biggest things for this FY will be working on the new Strategic Plan.

In our recent meeting Batt. Chief Reynolds discussed the Logistics Division and having a set supply list and Quantity. We have hired Lt. Clarence "Pig" Johnson to handle getting Logistics Supplies out to the stations. We want to congratulate Lt. Johnson on his retirement from WeylChem after 43 years!

At the end of July we were able to meet with our volunteer officers. These meetings are super important, and mainly because we want to make sure we are getting the same information out to everyone. We want to work on narrowing any gaps between the career folks and our volunteers.

As always, if someone missed a meeting, or may need a reminder of a specific detail from the meetings, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. As always, make everyday training day, even if a topic is not assigned, do something to sharpen your skills daily



Department of Emergency Services

July 2024

## STATS:

### CALLS:

EMS: 226

FIRE: 138

TOTAL: 364.....

Sta. 11 – 19 Calls

Sta.12 – 16 Calls

Sta. 13 – 124 Calls

Sta. 14 – 26 Calls

Sta. 15/25 – 26 Calls

Sta. 16/24 – 33 Calls

Sta. 17/26 – 30 Calls

Sta. 18/23 – 17 Calls

Sta. 19 – 17 Calls

Sta. 20 – 15 Calls

Sta. 21 – 3 Calls

Sta. 22/27 – 26 Calls

Camden Area: 7 Calls

Lugoff Area: 2 Calls

### TRAINING HOURS:

569 Hours

### SMOKE ALARMS:

42 Smoke Alarms Installed

### INSPECTIONS:

4 Inspections Completed



## WHY IS TRAINING SO IMPORTANT? WHY DO I NEED IT?

### CHIEF BULLARD DIVES INTO THE IMPORTANCE OF WHY EVERYONE MUST PARTICIPATE

Members are real quick to come wide open to a call on the side of the highway or a fire in the rural areas of Kershaw County. But when does it become more of a liability than a need for members to respond?

We need a response from every member available when the tones drop, but if you cannot come to training, are you really helping us out on scene, or are you becoming a greater liability?

The Answer: You are becoming more and more a liability. You have to come and train with the department. If you were to get hurt or even worse, the first thing that is going to be looked at is your training records. Did you 1) Have the training to do what you were doing at the time? Or 2) Did you have enough continuing education hours to meet the minimum requirements.

KCFS is committing a lot of time and resources to ensure that adequate amounts of training

Are available to our members. We will continue to provide opportunities to members to catch and make up training hours at district training. Do not get hung up on not making it to your assigned District Training. Make it a point to go to a different district just to see how they train, or maybe some obstacles that they may face.

### “Broadened Horizons May Contribute to New Learning Opportunities”

We ask that every member makes every effort to catch the trainings. We will make more and more opportunities for members to catch training. Moving forward, We will make sure daily training schedules are posted, the District Training, and times on specific days of the week that volunteer members can come by and get training done. This may be on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 18:00-20:00, or may be during the day.

Our goal is to maximize your ability and ensure that the department is making every effort to offer its members training.

In the near future you will see more training opportunities of classes, out of the area training, as well as in county classes and seminars to make each and every one of us better at what we do.

We will continue to train with our aid partners Lugoff and Camden, and will expand that to Columbia, Lee County, Sumter County, and Lancaster County.

Anyone interested in the Training Committee Needs to contact Chief Bullard.

# KCFS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS



## KCFS 1974-2024

KCFS began providing fire protection to Kershaw County in 1974. While preparing for this 50<sup>th</sup> year, we found that we did not have a lot for the history of KCFS.

We began doing some research and with the help of Lt. Catoe from Sta. 16 and Batt. Chief Teal, they have been working to gather historical data, and we will put together a historical document so that we can track from the beginning and continue to track progress.

We plan to have a resolution from County Council in October to coincide with Fire Prevention along with a Retirees Breakfast, a Family Day, and an Anniversary Gift to all Members and Past Members.

Please Stay Tuned for these upcoming dates.



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### AUGUST

#### AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> –

DIST. TRAINING 18:00 IN EOC  
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT LUGOFF  
HIGH SCHOOL 18:00

#### AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> –

DIST. TRAINING 18:00 IN EOC

#### AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> –

MAKE UP DIST. TRAINING 18:00  
IN EOC

#### AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> – WATER

RESCUE TRAINING

### SEPTEMBER

#### DISTRICT TRAINING-

9/10- @ STA. 13 @ 18:00

9/17, 9/24 @ LANDFILL @ 18:00

9/21 @ LANDFILL @ 09:00

9/28 @ STA. 13 @ 09:00

9/11/24- 9/11 WALK FROM  
LUGOFF @ 09:00

9/28/2024- FIREFEST CAMDEN

### OCTOBER

10/05/2024 – TOUCH A TRUCK @  
VETERANS PARK @ 13:00

10/26/24 – JACK O LANTERN  
JAMBOREE- TRUNK OR TREAT

18:00 @ VETERANS PARK

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## This Month's District Training Topics

### Fire Alarm & Suppression Systems

Chief Bullard will present a Training Series on Suppression Systems and Alarm Systems this month in the EOC just before Medical Training. This will be good information for the amount of alarms that we respond to on a regular basis.

### Medical First Responder

FF/Paramedic Leanne Treiber will be going over some of our medical response procedures and will begin to gear us in a new direction for medical training. This will be very important because typically based on our overall responses, Medical in nature makes up approximately 80% of our call volume.