

CUMBERLAND ROAD FIRE DEPARTMENT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT steven parrish – fire chief



Cumberland Road Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is a North Carolina nonprofit corporation chartered in 1955. Its purpose is to provide fire protection, emergency services, and fire and life safety education to the citizens of the Cumberland Road Fire District located in Cumberland County, North Carolina.

The department's mission was to provide the best fire protection they could provide. Today, Cumberland Road Fire Department is committed to providing superior fire, rescue, and emergency services to our community's citizens in a proficient, professional, and compassionate manner. We continuously promote life safety by practicing prevention, planning, education, and training.

The department uses both volunteer members and employs a 24 hour paid staff to ensure that our mission is met and that quality services are provider. All of our volunteer members and the paid staff take great pride in their job and accomplishments. We expect nothing less as we feel our community deserves our commitment.

COVID-19 may have overshadowed 2020, but we did not let it stop us in our mission to serve our community and accomplish the goals we set to achieve in 2020.

Our proudest moment in 2020 was the day the department received its 2020 Public Protection Classification of Class 2. This rating indicates that Cumberland Road Fire Department is better prepared and equipped to respond to fires within its fire district than any previous time period. Everyone should be proud of your department members for their dedication and commitment to making our community a safer place to live.

2020 also paved the way for a new fire engine that will replace one of our engines in our aging fleet. The arrival of our new engine is expected in August 2021.

2020 ANNUAL RESPONSE

During 2020 Cumberland Road firefighters provided emergency services 724 times that included 28 structure fires, four vehicle fires, seven wildland fires, 436 EMS responses, and 249 non-emergency calls for service. The totals above do not include automatic, and mutual aid responses that totaled 519; 39 were for working structure fires.

For the second year in a row, the department saw a decrease in response volume correlated by the Closest Unit Dispatch system. Neighboring departments responded to 208 of the 1184 calls for service within the fire district. Change in response protocols due to COVID-19 further reduced our response volume by 241 calls.







2020 ANNUAL TRAINING

Personnel, both part-time and volunteer members, completed a total of 11,250 hours of training in 2020.







