

FIRE CHIEF
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CITY OF COVINGTON

OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

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MAYOR
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Covington Fire Department

Report for September 24th, 2024

1. Community Events: Volunteer firefighter recruitment 2nd agilities test was completed, along with background, drug testing and physicals completed. Attended Brunch Time Fall Fest @DSCC, Attended 51 Music Fest, and the CHS homecoming parade.
2. Volunteer Hours: 0 hours worked by Volunteers in August. Volunteer Rules.
3. Call volume report for August 22nd – September 19th ,2024, and a total call volume report.
4. County coverage area collections 2024: \$78,825.00
5. Station Update: Renovations at station - two are nearing completion on the interior, working with paving options for the parking lot. Vanity and ceiling being replaced at station one.
6. Severe Weather Sirens: All are operational currently.
7. Fire Inspection report—See report.
8. New Apparatus invoice.
9. Our new Records management system will go live October 1st, 2024.
10. The CFD hosted a Fire Officer-1 course, the CFD participants were, Zack Cook, Zac Moffett, and Andrew Owen.
11. Land Clearing for contractors and open burning inside city limits.
12. Chief Channell is now a certified drone pilot. With hopes to develop a similar program to CPD.

13. New Captains positions filled by Lt. Dan Ruffin and Lt. Ed Moss. These positions to ensure consistency across the three shifts as the shift supervisors.
14. Tipton County Dispatch went live with EMD- Emergency Medical Dispatch on 8-20-2024. This is a powerful addition to our emergency response system here in Tipton County. In most cases treatment could be delivered to the sick or injured immediately by a family member or bystander.
15. Volunteer Recruitment agreement with Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association to continue to phase three of the recruitment and retention grant.
16. Free Smoke Alarms Please Call (901)-476-2578 to schedule an appointment.

Respectfully submitted.

Fire Chief, Richard Griggs

AUGUST 2024

EMP #	NAME	CALL IN HOURS	SHIFT TRAINING HOURS	TOTAL	TOTAL AFTER -24 HOURS
1349	DUVALE DEAN	0	0	0	0
1012	CODY FAULK	0	0	0	0
623	BAKER MCCOOL	0	0	0	0
			TOTAL	0	0

CERTIFIED PAYROLL SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____



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Reserve Division

Reserve Firefighter Minimum Performance Standards

Probationary Reserve Firefighters will not be compensated while completing the initial training period. Reserve Firefighters, after completion of probation, will not be compensated until after twelve (12) hours of service has been met for the month.

Reserve Firefighters will meet for four (4) hours of training twice a month (Dates to be determined) for a total of eight (8) training hours monthly.

Reserve Firefighters will be expected to attend all emergency call ins when available.

Reserve Firefighters may schedule shift work in no less than 4 hour increments daily (after completion of probation).

To be in "good standing" in the fire department as determined by the fire chief or his designee, a Reserve firefighter must meet these minimum criteria each month:

- Attend fifty percent (50%) of emergency call ins.
- Attend four (4) hours of approved training per month.
- Participate in no less than eight (8) hours of scheduled shift work (after completion of probation)
- Perform all assignments outlined in job description.

If a Reserve Firefighter does not meet these minimum standards for any month, the Reserve Firefighter automatically goes on probation. The Reserve Firefighter stays on probation until their performance meets the cumulative totals required for the current calendar month of that year.

Examples:

Once placed on probation, a Reserve Firefighter must do all of the following to be removed from probationary status:

- For the most recent calendar month, the Reserve Firefighter must have attended fifty percent (50%) of the emergency calls to which they were paged.
- The Reserve Firefighter must attend the current month's training offerings.
- The Reserve Firefighter must have performed all their job assignments for the position that they hold during the past thirty (30) days.



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Once a Reserve Firefighter is on probation, they have ninety (90) days to become current in all performance requirements. If, at the end of this ninety (90) day period, the Reserve Firefighter has not become current in good standing, the Reserve Firefighter shall be sent a certified letter placing them on termination notice at the end of thirty (30) days. If the Reserve Firefighter does not become in good standing with the department within this final thirty (30) day period, the Reserve firefighter will be removed from the department at the end of the thirty (30) days and must turn in all gear and equipment belonging to the fire department. Should the Reserve Firefighter resign at any time during this process, before the last day of the final thirty (30) day period, they will be considered to have resigned in good standing with the department.

Reserve Rank Structure and qualifications for Promotion

Entry Level:

Probationary Reserve Firefighter (PRF) – once the Fire Chief has approved an application and been processed by Human Resources, the applicant becomes a Probationary Reserve Firefighter. The applicant shall remain a Probationary Reserve Firefighter for no less than twelve (12) months. No compensation will be distributed to the PRF during the initial training period. The PRF shall perform only those duties for which they have been trained and approved by their training officer or other authority. The PRF will wear a helmet with blue reflective tetrahedrons that clearly distinguishes them from any other member of the fire department.

Promotions:

Reserve Firefighter (RFF) – When a Probationary Reserve Firefighter is approved by the Fire Chief to be removed from probationary status and, completing all training required by the fire department, they will be promoted to Reserve Firefighter status.

Master Reserve Firefighter (MRF) - Applicants for promotion in the fire service to the classification level of Master Reserve Firefighter must have all the entry-level requirements and have three (3) years of experience in the fire service. Applicants must also possess a valid Tennessee Operator's License, which has not been revoked or suspended within the last 36 months. The applicant must possess the qualifications for certification as outlined in NFPA 1002 for Fire Department Vehicle Driver/Operators.

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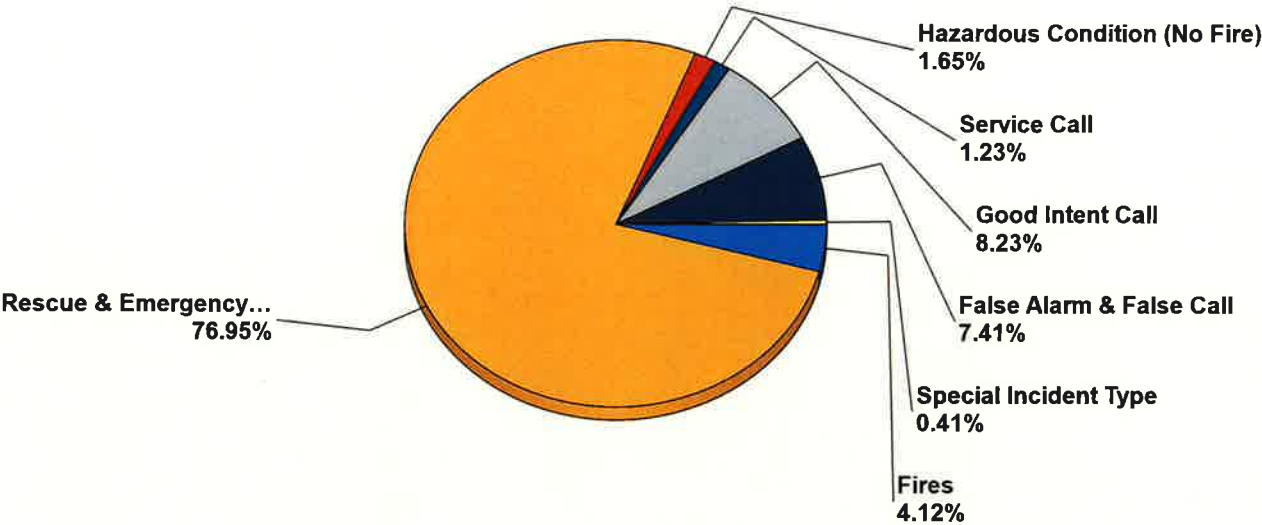
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 08/22/2024 | End Date: 09/19/2024



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	10	4.12%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	187	76.95%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	4	1.65%
Service Call	3	1.23%
Good Intent Call	20	8.23%
False Alarm & False Call	18	7.41%
Special Incident Type	1	0.41%
TOTAL	243	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	4	1.65%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	2	0.82%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	2	0.82%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.41%
143 - Grass fire	1	0.41%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	11	4.53%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	167	68.72%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	6	2.47%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2	0.82%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.41%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.41%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.41%
442 - Overheated motor	1	0.41%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.41%
552 - Police matter	1	0.41%
553 - Public service	1	0.41%
561 - Unauthorized burning	1	0.41%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	10	4.12%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	4	1.65%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	1	0.41%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	5	2.06%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	18	7.41%
900 - Special type of incident, other	1	0.41%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	243	100%

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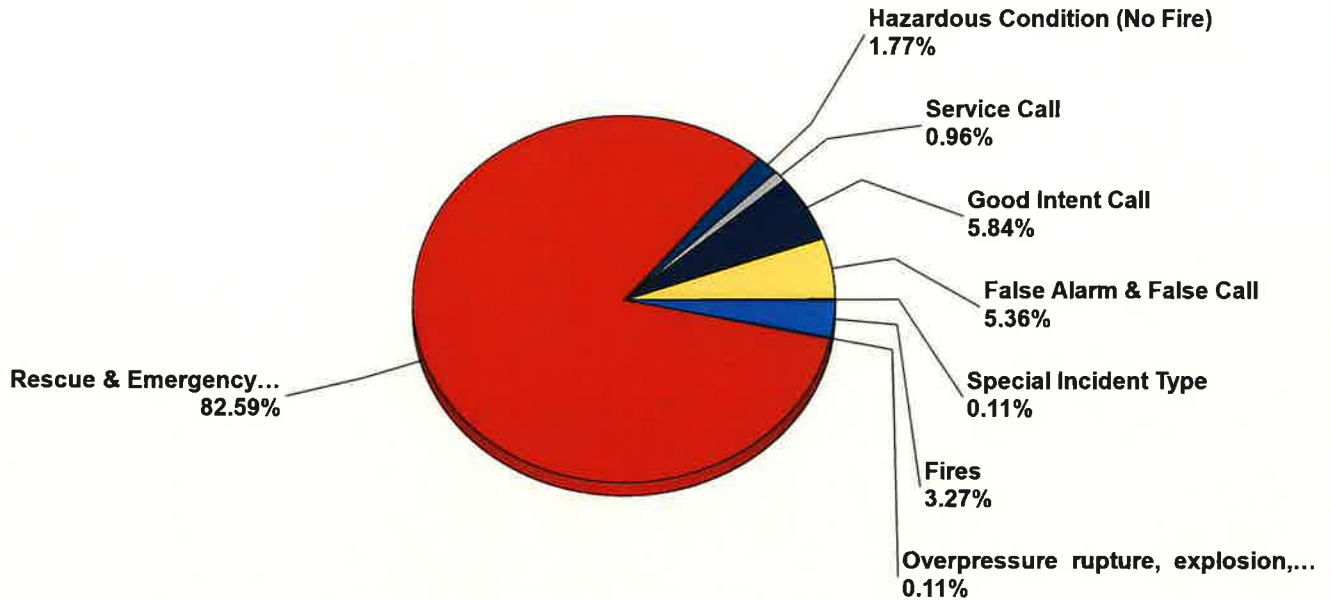
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2024 | End Date: 12/31/2024



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	61	3.27%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	2	0.11%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	1542	82.59%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	33	1.77%
Service Call	18	0.96%
Good Intent Call	109	5.84%
False Alarm & False Call	100	5.36%
Special Incident Type	2	0.11%
TOTAL	1867	100%

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Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
100 - Fire, other	1	0.05%
111 - Building fire	22	1.18%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	4	0.21%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	8	0.43%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	9	0.48%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.05%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2	0.11%
143 - Grass fire	10	0.54%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.05%
160 - Special outside fire, other	1	0.05%
161 - Outside storage fire	1	0.05%
170 - Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, other	1	0.05%
243 - Fireworks explosion (no fire)	1	0.05%
251 - Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	0.05%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	117	6.27%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1320	70.7%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	74	3.96%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	22	1.18%
331 - Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	5	0.27%
341 - Search for person on land	1	0.05%
351 - Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1	0.05%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.05%
365 - Watercraft rescue	1	0.05%
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2	0.11%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	11	0.59%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	0.11%
422 - Chemical spill or leak	2	0.11%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	3	0.16%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.05%
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	2	0.11%
442 - Overheated motor	2	0.11%
444 - Power line down	1	0.05%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	6	0.32%
461 - Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.05%
500 - Service Call, other	4	0.21%
511 - Lock-out	1	0.05%
522 - Water or steam leak	1	0.05%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	0.05%
552 - Police matter	3	0.16%
553 - Public service	3	0.16%
561 - Unauthorized burning	5	0.27%
600 - Good intent call, other	4	0.21%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	80	4.28%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	8	0.43%
631 - Authorized controlled burning	2	0.11%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	14	0.75%
661 - EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	1	0.05%
700 - False alarm or false call, other	5	0.27%
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1	0.05%
730 - System malfunction, other	1	0.05%
732 - Extinguishing system activation due to malfunction	1	0.05%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.11%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	90	4.82%
900 - Special type of incident, other	2	0.11%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	1867	100%

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Yearly Totals

Year	Total
2008	\$55,600.00
2009	\$53,950.00
2010	\$52,550.00
2011	\$53,900.00
2012	\$54,300.00
2013	\$55,400.00
2014	\$55,550.00
2015	\$57,400.00
2016	\$84,100.00
2017	\$80,295.00
2018	\$79,625.00
2019	\$80,320.00
2020	\$79,870.00
2021	\$82,840.00
2022	\$82,255.00
2023	\$80,925.00
2024	\$78,825.00

Total: \$1,167,705.00



This report outlines the activities and contributions of the Fire Inspector for the time frame of August 23 – September 20, highlighting key inspections and assistance provided to ensure public safety and regulatory compliance.

Fire Inspections:

- Conducted 13 annual fire inspections across various properties. These inspections are crucial for identifying fire hazards, ensuring fire safety measures are in place, and promoting compliance with fire safety regulations.

Business Final Inspections for Certificate of Occupancy:

- Completed 1 Re-inspections of a restaurant aimed to ensure the deficiencies found on the annual fire inspection were mitigated.

Fire Alarm Inspections:

- Conducted 4 inspections focused on fire alarm systems. These inspections are critical for ensuring that commercial fire alarm systems have effective activation, are appropriately placed and/or properly maintained to reduce fire risks. This inspection was also conducted to ensure radio coverage in the buildings. (Wal-Mart, Beall's, Big Lot's, TSC)

Business Pre-Plan Visit:

- Conducted 1 pre-plan visit for a business facility. Pre-plan visits involve assessing the layout, risks, and potential hazards of a facility to develop effective emergency response plans.

Plans Review

- Plan Review for Covington Country Club. (9-12)
- 2 Plan Reviews for Tipton County Health Dept. Rebuild. (8-27) (9-13)
- Plan Review/Compliance for Distillery. (9-13) *Review from newly acquired Code book.
- Plan Review for Tipton County Health Dept. *Sprinkler System. (9-13)

Knox Box Opening for Key Placement

- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
- Holiday Inn
- Beall's

Emergency Calls/Operations

- Walk through Fire & Life safety Inspection for Comic-Con. (8-23)
- Made 1 Emergency Fire call at Millstone Mountain Rd. (8-27)
- Contact at 150 Witherington, seed company fire extinguishment consultation. (9-03)
- Follow-up on Complaint at Glendale Commons. (9-04)
- Follow-up on possible Building demolition at 329 U.S. 51 S. (9-04)
- Walk-through Covington Civic Center for Music Fest. (9-06)

Meetings/Training

- Meeting for 1000 Shopping Center Real Estate. (8-26)
- Opening Ceremony TOTAL Leadership. (8-29)
- Planning Commission Meeting. (9-03)
- Rose Construction Luncheon (9-05)
- Retirement Gathering at City Hall (9-05)
- TOTAL Leadership- BRIDGES USA- Memphis. (9-18)

Education/Administration

- TEMA RAD (MERRT) Class- Shelby Co. EMA. (9-10)
- In-Service Training for First Due Program. TCEMA (9-16)

Holiday/Day's Off

- Labor Day (9-2)
- Sick Day (9-20)

Conclusion: I attest that my efforts have significantly contributed to public safety by conducting essential fire inspections, ensuring compliance with fire safety regulations during business inspections, and assisting in various critical inspections related to building codes enforcement. These activities are crucial for safeguarding lives, protecting property, and promoting a safe environment within the community

Russell Thigpen
Fire Inspector/OSHA Compliance

Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC

892 Kansas Street
Memphis, TN 38106
Phone#: 1-800-784-6806
Dealer License#: 21916



INVOICE



INVOICE #: 41788
DATE: 9/19/2024
PO#:
SALESMAN: Bob Dudley

BILL TO:

Covington Fire Department
101 Tennessee Ave
Covington, TN 38019

Qty	Description	Per Unit	Total
1	Pierce Enforcer Pumper 41788	\$ 888,800.00	\$ 888,800.00
1	Full Prepay Discount	\$ (33,300.00)	\$ (33,300.00)
1	HGAC	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
	Total Net Price		\$ 857,500.00

Payment Mailing Address:
UPS/Fed Ex/USPS
1362 E. Richey Road
Houston, TX 77073

Payment Wiring Information:
PNC Bank
Pittsburg, PA 15219
Account# 1069899004
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Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC
892 Kansas St.
Memphis, TN 38106
DEALER # 21916



August 22, 2024

Richard Griggs, Fire Chief
COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
101 TENNESSEE AVE
COVINGTON, TN 38019

Proposal For: Covington Tn. F.D.

Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC is pleased to provide the following proposal to COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. Unit will comply with all specifications attached and made a part of this proposal. Total price includes delivery FOB COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT and training on operation and use of the apparatus.

Description	Amount	
Qty. 1 - 1159 - Pierce-Custom Enforcer Pumper, 2nd Gen		
(Unit Price - \$888,800.00)		
Delivery within 16-17 months of order date		
QUOTE # - SMEG-0008147-0		
	Vehicle Price	\$888,800.00
	Full Prepay Discount	(\$33,300.00)
	1159 - UNIT TOTAL	\$855,500.00
	SUB TOTAL	\$855,500.00
	HGAC FS12-23 (FIRE)	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$857,500.00

Price guaranteed until 9/9/2024

Additional: NOTE: This unit is a Stock Unit and is available for immediate purchase and is on a first order received basis.

NOTE: The above price is for apparatus only. Any changes to the above unit must be completed no later than 30 days from this proposal. Any changes or equipment added must be noted on a separate change order. This Price includes a 4 person Firecom Headset and window tint. Please see attachment for included loose equipment.

Due to global supply chain constraints, any delivery date contained herein is a good faith estimate as of the date of this order/contract, and merely an approximation based on current information. Delivery updates will be made available, and a final firm delivery date will be provided as soon as possible.

Persistent Inflationary Environment Notification: If the Producer Price Index of Components for Manufacturing [www.bls.gov Series ID: WPUID6112] (the "PPI") has increased at a compounded annual growth rate greater than 5.0% from the date of acceptance of this proposal letter (the "Order Month") and 14 months prior to the anticipated Ready for Pickup Date (the

"Evaluation Month"), then the proposal price may be increased by an amount equal to any increase exceeding 5.0% for the time period between the Order Month and the Evaluation Month. Siddons Martin and Pierce will provide documentation of such increase and the updated price for the customer's approval before proceeding with completion of the order along with an option to cancel the order.'

Taxes: Tax is not included in this proposal. In the event that the purchasing organization is not exempt from sales tax or any other applicable taxes and/or the proposed apparatus does not qualify for exempt status, it is the duty of the purchasing organization to pay any and all taxes due. Balance of sale price is due upon acceptance of the apparatus at the factory.

Late Fee: A late fee of .033% of the sale price will be charged per day for overdue payments beginning ten (10) days after the payment is due for the first 30 days. The late fee increases to .044% per day until the payment is received. In the event a prepayment is received after the due date, the discount will be reduced by the same percentages above increasing the cost of the apparatus.

Cancellation: In the event this proposal is accepted and a purchase order is issued then cancelled or terminated by Customer before completion, Siddons-Martin Emergency Group may charge a cancellation fee. The following charge schedule based on costs incurred may be applied:

- (A) 10% of the Purchase Price after order is accepted and entered by Manufacturer;
- (B) 20% of the Purchase Price after completion of the approval drawings;
- (C) 30% of the Purchase Price upon any material requisition.

The cancellation fee will increase accordingly as costs are incurred as the order progresses through engineering and into manufacturing. Siddons-Martin Emergency Group endeavors to mitigate any such costs through the sale of such product to another purchaser; however, the customer shall remain liable for the difference between the purchase price and, if applicable, the sale price obtained by Siddons-Martin Emergency Group upon sale of the product to another purchaser, plus any costs incurred by Siddons-Martin to conduct such sale.

Acceptance: In an effort to ensure the above stated terms and conditions are understood and adhered to, Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC requires an authorized individual from the purchasing organization sign and date this proposal and include it with any purchase order. Upon signing of this proposal, the terms and conditions stated herein will be considered binding and accepted by the Customer. The terms and acceptance of this proposal will be governed by the laws of the state of Tennessee. No additional terms or conditions will be binding upon Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC unless agreed to in writing and signed by a duly authorized officer of Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC.

Sincerely,

Bob Dudley

I, RICHARD GRIGBS, the authorized representative of COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, agree to purchase the proposed and agree to the terms of this proposal and the specifications attached hereto.

 9/18/2024
Signature & Date



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TO: LAND CLEARING CONTRACTORS & PROSPECTIVE OPEN BURNERS

FROM: COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

**RE: STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE OF AN OPEN BURNING
PERMIT IN COVINGTON AND THE COVINGTON FIRE DISTRICT**

Open burning in The City of Covington and the Covington Fire District is prohibited. Exceptions can be granted under specific conditions which do not interfere with the maintenance of acceptable air quality or create a public nuisance. At land clearing sites, temporary permits for the controlled burning of waste trees and brush can be issued. Burning this material is environmentally and economically preferred over disposal by landfiling. The Covington Fire Department is concerned with preventing the spread of fire and potential fire hazards to nearby citizens and minimizing the amount of smoke and fly ash released into the air, which also impacts nearby residents.

1) PERMITS

Burning in Covington City Limits and outside incorporated areas, in the CFD response district, requires a minimum 24-hour advance notice. To burn, two (2) permits are required. First, obtain a burn permit from the Covington Codes Enforcement Office at 200 W. Washington St. Covington, TN 38109 (901) 476-7191, the permit fee is fifty dollars (\$50.00). Please make check or money order payable to "**The City of Covington**". Cash may be accepted at the discretion of the Codes Officer.

Once this permit is obtained, The City of Covington will schedule a burn site inspection with Covington Fire Department. The permit holder will be issued a burn permit from the Covington Fire Dept. following that site inspection. Information regarding nearby streets, cross streets, direction, and distance will help determine the exact location of the burn site. If the location is remote and cannot be adequately identified or located on our maps, the clearing contractor will be asked to meet the inspector at a nearby location, such as an identified cross street, and the inspector will accompany the contractor to the site. The burn permit is valid for thirty (30) days following the inspection. If weather conditions prohibit burning for a significant period during those thirty (30) days, a short extension may be granted, if requested, before the permit expires. Only trees and brush from the burn site may be burned. Material may not be hauled in from other sites. **Other materials including**



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buildings, construction debris, furniture, plastic, tires, and roofing material must not be burned.

(2) BURN PIT SPECIFICATIONS

There must be a serviceable road to the burn pit, for apparatus access. The Air Curtain Destructor (blower) blows a sheet of air across the top of the pit to increase burning efficiency, reduce smoke, and fly ash emissions. The air curtain's nozzles are slanted so they impact about three (3) feet below the surface on the side opposite the blower. The air curtain does not blow directly down into the fire. In a properly operating pit, the air current rolls under and oxygenates the fire for more complete combustion (see Figure 1). The pit walls must be vertical (not sloped or slanted). The pit must be no more than twelve (12) feet wide because the air stream must reach the far side. A pit width of less than twelve (12) feet should be used for smaller air blowers. The pit length is determined by the length of the air curtain plenum (blower manifold). The plenum should be centered on the pit and the pit length can extend up to a maximum of five (5) feet beyond each end of the plenum. The pit must be at least ten (10) feet deep. Pit depth is determined by available digging equipment and the water table. A pit cannot be permitted where groundwater is encountered during the construction. Deeper pits usually burn better.

(3) PROCEDURE FOR THE SCHEDULED INSPECTION DAY

Prior to the scheduled inspection, construct a pit according to the permit requirements. The pit must be partially filled with trees and brush. Do not overfill. An overfilled pit has material above the sheet of air which results in blockage of the air flow and excessive smoke emissions. After the inspector approves the pit's dimensions and position, diesel fuel may be used to ignite the contents. The equipment's ability to control smoke is observed before the permit is issued.

(4) PROCEDURE FOR DAYS YOU BURN

During the permit period, the Covington Fire Department must be notified each day before burning begins and again when burning ends for the day. The Fire Department telephone number is written at the bottom of the permit. Each day before burning, the permit holder must ensure weather forecast and air index quality. Burning normally takes place during daylight hours for fire safety and to protect the workers charging the burn pit. Someone



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must be at the site to monitor the pit when burning is taking place. The blower should continue until the fire has burned down and a fence or barrier should be placed around the burn pit, or it is filled with dirt before leaving the site. A metal fence is required to prevent mishaps like falling into unfilled pits. A wooden fence is unacceptable.

(5) PROBLEMS SOMETIMES ENCOUNTERED WITH BURN PITS

A permit is issued for a particular pit. If a pit is moved, another inspection, permit, and fee are required for the new pit, even if both pits are on the same construction site. A pit too long for the air curtain or wider than the permit specifications will have to be filled and replaced with another pit. Burning must take place below the air curtain. Overfilled pits tend to smoke and release fly ash which are the most common citizen complaints. Additional restrictions, such as limited burning hours and days or the presence of a water truck on-site may be imposed based on the site's location and distance to the nearest water hydrant. Wind speed and direction limitations may also be imposed, either when the permit is issued or due to citizen complaints. Weather conditions are available from the National Weather Service at (901) 203-5491. Occasionally, a permit cannot be issued because of the small size of the site or the site's proximity to occupied residences, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, airports, or major roadways. Overhanging trees or other nearby flammable material may also prevent a permit. No standing timber or overhead electrical lines are permitted within one hundred (100) feet of the burn pit. Ideal locations for pits are at least: » five hundred (500) feet away from any primary or secondary highway » one thousand (1,000) feet from any school or residence not on the same property as the pit, or » One half (1/2) mile from any airport, nursing home or hospital. Burning is to be conducted when ambient conditions ensure maximum dispersion of smoke. Burning should not be conducted during any declared air pollution episode in the burn area. Permits are also occasionally revoked because of substantiated complaints regarding excessive smoke or fly ash due to improper burn pit operation. Use of common sense will help avoid most of the problems and complaints associated with burn pit operation. Please direct any questions to the Covington Codes Enforcement Office or Covington Fire Department.



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Open Burning / Land Clearing Contractors

Open burning in the City of Covington, TN is prohibited. Exceptions can be granted under specific conditions that do not interface with the maintenance of acceptable air quality or create a public nuisance.

At land clearing sites, temporary permits for the controlled burning of waste trees and brush can be issued. Grinding or chipping is the preferred method of disposal, however, permitted open burning of these materials with proper emission control is acceptable.

The Fire Departments are concerned with preventing the spread of fire and potential fire hazards to nearby citizens. The Health Department is interested in minimizing the amount of smoke, fly ash released into the air, and the air quality index that also impacts nearby residents.

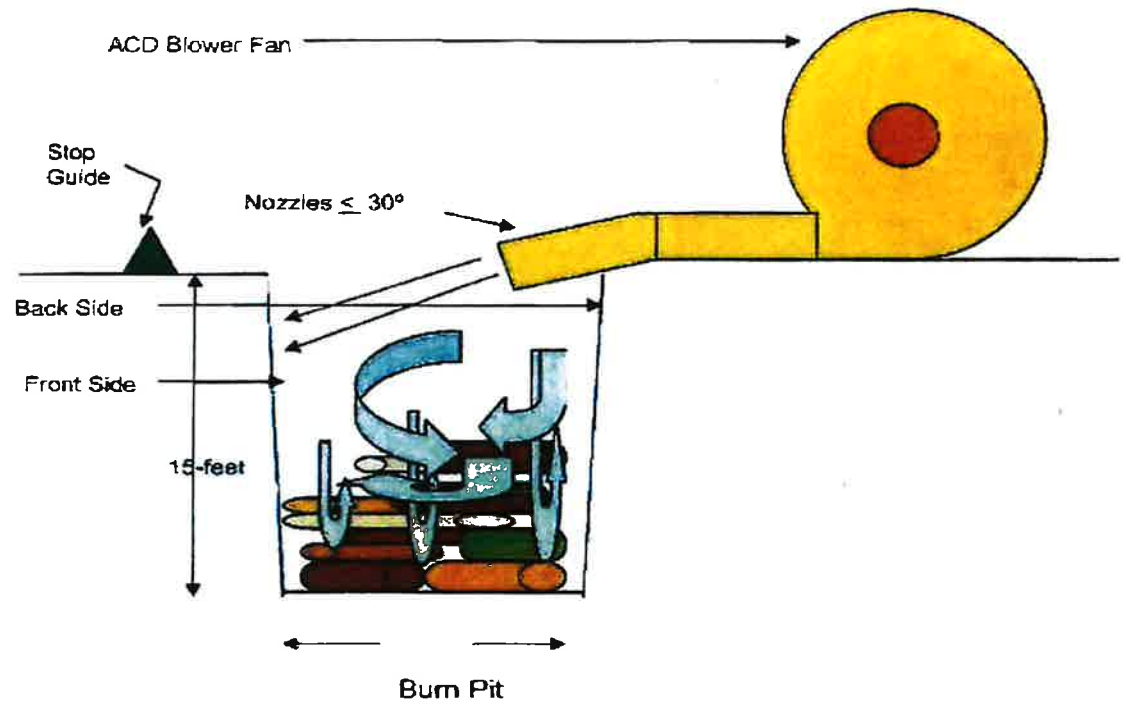
Burning is to be conducted when ambient conditions ensure maximum dispersion of smoke. Burning is not allowed when the air quality index for the **Covington/Tipton County** area is in the "unhealthful" (code orange) or higher ranges (code red or code purple). **Burn permit holders are not allowed to burn when projected weather conditions and pollution modeling indicates a code orange or higher condition is expected.** To determine if burning has been restricted, you must look up the Air Quality Index (AQI) each day at [Air Quality Monitoring & Forecasting \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov/environment/air/monitoring-forecasting.html).

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/air/monitoring-forecasting.html>



Covington Fire Department

Chief Richard Griggs





Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association



Can your volunteer or combination fire department use assistance with its recruitment and retention efforts?

Take advantage of a proven program that has added thousands of new volunteer firefighters to participating departments.

The Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association (TFCA) is selecting fire departments or county department groups to participate in Phase III of the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association program, which provides research on your jurisdiction, combined with turnkey marketing solutions, to enhance volunteer fire department staffing.

Some of the benefits for your fire departments include:

- Free proven turn-key recruitment and retention programs for your department
- Customized recruitment strategies based on the characteristics of your community
- Free advertising and marketing materials customized for your department
- Free volunteer and combination officer leadership and recruitment and retention training
- Free recruitment and retention coordinator certification training
- Free multimedia and advertising support
- Free scholarships available to national fire service leadership conferences
- Eligible tuition reimbursement for continued education opportunities

Visit www.tnfirechiefs.com to apply by downloading fillable application on website or print the application attached. Please submit completed application to tnsafergrant@gmail.com by July 31, 2024.

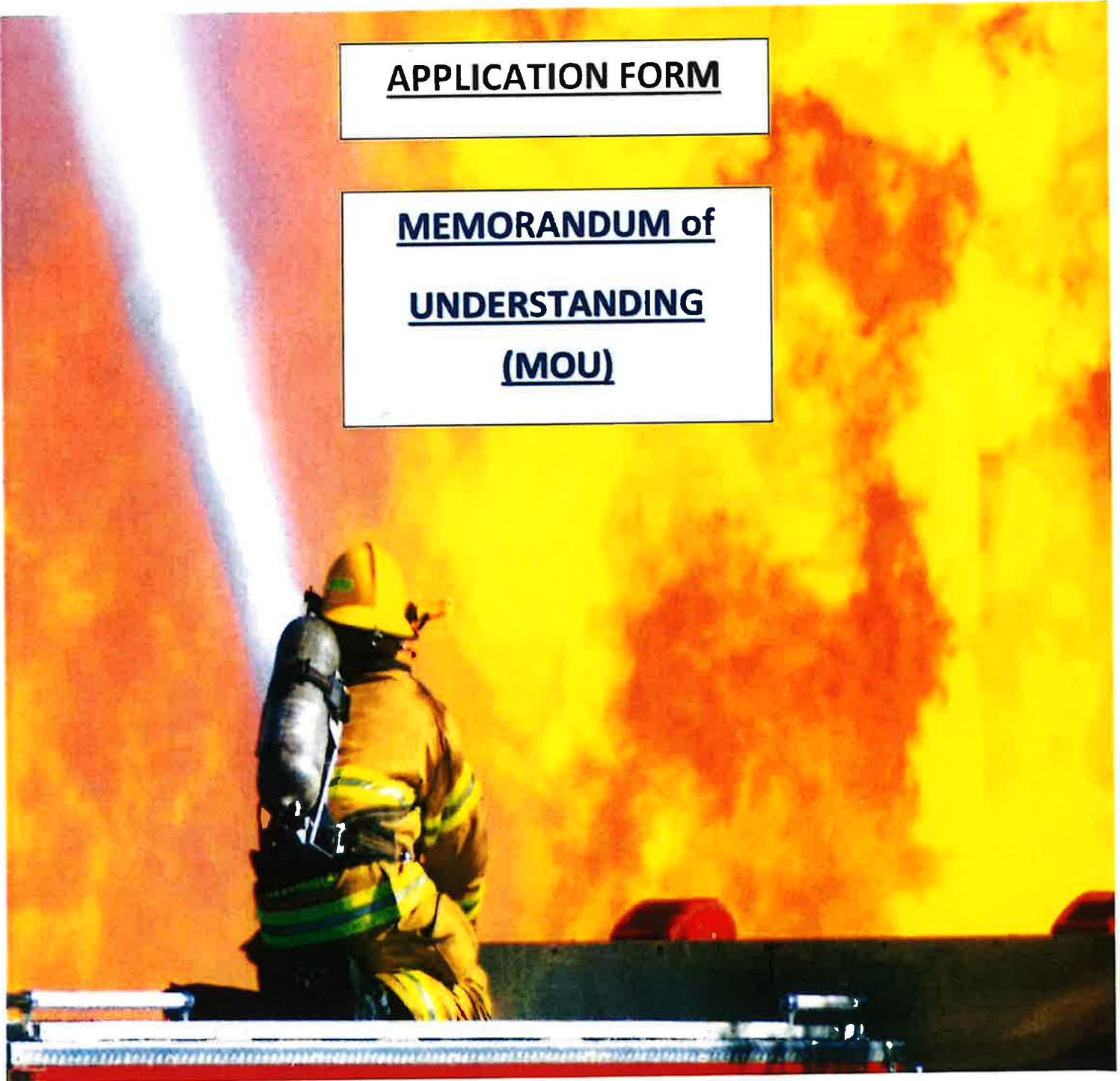
For more information about the program, contact Chief Eddie Phillips at 423-802-7794 or phillips801@gmail.com, Chief James Fountain at jamesf@cityofmilan.com or 731-414-8870, or Tori Pritchett with Creative Design, at tnsafergrant@gmail.com or 931-244-5206. Please visit the website at www.VolunteerFireTN.org.



Applications are due Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

APPLICATION FORM

MEMORANDUM of
UNDERSTANDING
(MOU)





TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION (TFCA)
Statewide SAFER Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Grant
Application Form - Tennessee

FIRE DEPARTMENT OR COUNTY GROUP DEPARTMENTS INFORMATION

Department or County Name: COVINGTON			
Grand Division of the State: (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> East <input type="checkbox"/> Middle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West			
If County Group: Number of departments participating in the grant:			
List of all participating departments and chiefs (under this county group) Provide on this fillable form or attach separate list Covington Fire			
Type of Organization (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combination			
Provide the total numbers below for all participating departments if a county group:			
# of Volunteers: 3	# of Career: 27	# of Administrative Staff: 4	
# of Auxiliary: 0	# of Fire Stations: 2	Population Served: 15,000	
Square Miles Served: 99			
Website:		Facebook Page:	

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT OR COUNTY GROUP CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Name: ED MOSS	Title: CAPTAIN
Contact Street Address: 101 Tennessee Ave	
City: Covington	ZIP Code: 38019
Phone: 901 476-2578	Cell Phone:
Direct E-mail: Emoss@covingtontn.com	Fax:
Are you willing to brief your County Mayor/administrator about the program?	
(Check appropriate box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

PRIMARY CITY OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CONTACT INFORMATION

City or County Mayor/Administrator Name (City/County): JAN HENSLEY	Title: MAYOR
Contact Street Address: 100 W. Washington	
City: Covington	ZIP Code: 38019
Phone: 901 476-9613	Cell Phone:
Direct E-mail: jhensley@covingtontn.com	Fax:

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TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION (TFCA)
Statewide SAFER Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Grant
Application Form - Tennessee

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

How will this program assist in your department's need to adequately comply with NFPA 1710 or NFPA 1720?

This program allows for recruitment & retention of Volunteer Firefighters and help track the ones that apply and become career firefighters. This system helps me currently in complying with just that.

Describe your need for this program and how it will benefit your department.

Advertisement & Tracking of Applicants

Do you have a formal or informal recruitment and retention program? If so, please explain.

Currently use this system

Do you have a designated volunteer coordinator/recruiter?



Yes



No

How do you track potential new members and where they currently are in the new member process (medical completed, application, background check, etc.)?

Use current System

How will you ensure that recruitment and retention data is submitted to VWS staff on a monthly basis?

Will all of your participating county group departments be willing to commit to the requirements as stated in the

VWS Memorandum of Understanding?



Yes



No



TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION (TFCA)
Statewide SAFER Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Grant
Application Form - Tennessee

Are you a Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association member? (This is not a requirement.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
If so, who is the contact for your membership?

Do you currently have a FEMA SAFER award for recruitment and retention? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, please explain what the award entails.

Additional Comments (optional/feel free to attach additional pages if needed):

Please return form to tnsafergrant@gmail.com.

Due Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Thanks for your interest in the program.

www.tnfirechiefs.com

Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association



<http://www.tnfirechiefs.com/>

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

This MOU is between the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association (TFCA) and City of Covington

The Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association Program Team will assist your fire department or county group of departments with recruitment and retention efforts by providing you with a GIS Tapestry Report that identifies your target audience and includes recruitment strategy ideas. You will also be given customized marketing materials to use for your recruitment campaign. The TFCA Program will provide opportunities for you to network with others and attend leadership and recruitment trainings. In addition, you will be given access to an online recruitment and retention data collection system as well as other tools and templates to use for recruitment and retention purposes.

As a department or county group, you fully understand and are committed to actively participating in the program and will work together with the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association to improve your department's recruitment and retention efforts.

You understand and are committed to fulfilling the participant obligations as listed below:

- Participate in the TFCA Program for two years.
- Identify a program leader or volunteer coordinator within the department or county group of departments who will manage and oversee the responsibilities associated with the TFCA program. You may also select coordinators at the department/company level, if applicable.
- Key staff must attend and fully participate in the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association Orientation Webinar and Kick-Off meetings. Key staff includes: fire chief(s), chief officers, program leader, and volunteer coordinator. The Orientation Webinar will be August 24 and the Kick-Off in-person meeting will be September 28.
- Submit home addresses of all members (career and volunteer if combination department) in order to produce a customized GIS Tapestry Report. Names are not needed and all addresses will remain confidential and proprietary information.
- Provide images/logos and contact information for marketing materials.
- Create and submit a list and timeline/12-month plan of recruitment/retention activities that will be carried out during the program.
- Monitor, track, evaluate and provide data related to the results of the recruitment campaign to the TFCA Program Team.
- Submit monthly tracking forms and fill out all required information, including recruitment and retention data.
- Respond to email, phone and written inquiries from the TFCA Program Team in a prompt manner.
- Attend and participate in meetings and/or phone calls with the TFCA Program Team.

- Stakeholders on all levels (county/city/town managers/mayor, and county/city/town/department fire chiefs/board chairmen, etc., must agree and adhere to the terms outlined in this MOU.

Department Name & Chief's Signature: Richard Griggs Date: 7/31/2024

Printed Name: Richard Griggs Email: rgriggs@covingtontn.com

**** All city/county departments in the county group that will be involved must have a Chief, Board Chairman, or designated representative sign this MOU. Additional signatures can be provided by attaching another sheet or simply signing on the back of this MOU.****

City Name & Manager/Mayor Signature: City of Carrington, Jan W. Hensley Date: 8-9-24

Printed Name: City of Carrington, Jan W. Hensley Email: j.hensley@covingtontn.com

**** All city departments participating must have either their City Manager or Mayor sign this MOU. Additional signatures can be provided by attaching another sheet or signing on back of this MOU ****

County Mayor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Email: _____

Please sign and return to tnsafergrant@gmail.com

If you have any specific questions about this MOU, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Eddie Phillips directly at ephillips801@gmail.com or at 423-802-7794, Chief James Fountain at jamesf@cityofmilan.com or at 731-414-8870, or Tori Pritchett at tnsafergrant@gmail.com or at 931-244-5206.



Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association

P.O. BOX 25052, NASHVILLE, TN 37202
WWW.TNFIRECHIEFS.COM

Congratulations! Your department and/or county group of departments has been selected to participate in the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association's statewide volunteer recruitment and retention grant SAFER 3.

We are very excited about the opportunity to work with you. This is a proven program that has recruited hundreds of new volunteer firefighters statewide....It is now YOUR grant, and you will find that if you will work and take advantage of the activities and training you will see great results.

IMPORTANT:

- We will have an in-person kick off meeting on Saturday, September 28th at 9 AM CST at the Embassy Suites Cool Springs in Franklin, TN. Please plan to send several people from your agency or county group but especially the folks who will be responsible for overseeing your program and reporting your activity and results on a monthly basis. (If you are coming from East or West TN and need a hotel room for Friday night September 27th please let us know ASAP.
- We need a high-resolution department logo to be used on marketing materials ASAP. Please send to tnsafergrant@gmail.com

Thank you for your dedication and desire to increase recruitment and retention in your department.

See you on Saturday September 28th at Embassy Suites in Franklin.

Your TFCA SAFER 3 Team,

Chief James Fountain
Chief Eddie Phillips
Vickie Pritchett
Tori Pritchett



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24 September 2024

Public Safety Committee Meeting Law Enforcement Agenda

August 2024

- **Personnel**
- **Training**
- **Monthly Activity**
- **August Press Releases**
- **August Major Expenses**
- **Total Calls for Service**
- **Traffic Stops Totals**
- **K9 Statistics**
- **August 2023 Statistics**
- **August Seizure Updates**
- **Policy Review and Approval**
- **August Traffic Surveys**

Personnel

The CPD currently has five (5) vacant positions. August – September staffing changes:

Officer Kenneth Preyer was rehired and assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division

Intel Analyst Amari Hayes was hired as a Police Officer in the Patrol Division.

Officer Dowell had a medical excuse from an injury and is pending acceptance to attend TLETA in January 2025. **Officer Hayes** is pending acceptance in the January class at TLETA.

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Ryan Magee has been hired as an Intel Analyst in the Criminal Investigation Division. In addition, he will be the Accreditation Specialist for the Department. His start date this month is being confirmed through HR. Analyst Magee is a POST certified officer.

Officer Barnes and **Officer Olive** will be attending TLETA 12-week basic training academy from September 29 – December 20, 2024.

Training

08/05-08/09: Cpl Nelson, Sgt. Templeton, and Cpl Robertson attended Leadership Training sponsored by the FBI National Academy hosted by the Millington Police Department.

08/05: Ofc Woodard and Ofc Perry attended Proactive Patrol Techniques Training hosted by Southaven MS Police Department.

08/06-08/08: Cpl. Westbrook attended Desert Snow Criminal Interdiction Workshop in Nashville, TN. This course was an advanced and comprehensive training on narcotics, terrorism, illicit currency, explosives, weapons, and opioids.

08/06-08/09: Chief Turner and Lt Dillingham attended the TACP Annual Conference and Vendor Expo in Nashville. TN. IT Specialist Nic Shaw attended the Vendor Expo to assist in equipment for CPD and the City of Covington.

08/13-08/15: Cpl. Westbrook and Cpl. Hunt attended First Line Leadership & Supervision at the Union City Police Department. This course assists first-line supervisors in developing a better understanding of roles, accountabilities, and skills in supervision.

08/14-08/16: Analyst Hayes, Lt McCurry, Ofc Gill and Evidence Specialist Boyle attended the Annual THSO Lifesaver's Conference in Nashville. The training, provided through our grant, provides training, vendors, and departmental awards for traffic enforcement throughout the year.

08/26-08/29: Det. Norwood attended the Reid Training Program on Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Techniques.

08/27-08/28: Sgt. Templeton and Cpl. Nelson attended Acadis training at the Memphis Police Training Academy. This class instructed training officers and administrative staff on making entries and submissions into Acadis.

08/28: Chief Turner attended the West TN Chief's Meeting hosted by the Jackson Police Department. Training presentations were made by the Jackson Fire Department, Homeland Security, and JPD Crimes Against Children Unit.

08/29: CPD staff attended a refresher training class on Riot Control Techniques at the TCSO Firing Range.

Monthly Activity

08/03- Covington Police Department staff partnered with Carl Perkins for security during Pulling for Prevention.

08/03- CPD staff made donations to Cannan Baptist Back to School Drive Event.

08/03- CPD staff conducted security for the Boys and Girls Club Family Day.

08/06- Chief Turner and the Command Staff attended a virtual Tennessee Nationwide Cybersecurity Review.

08/07- Chief Turner attended Ferguson Case Study Presentation at FBI Memphis.

08/12- Chief Turner attended a discussion about the Juvenile Facility with DCS Commissioner Quinn and other community leaders at Rose Construction.

08/13- Chief Turner held a Training Unit meeting at the CID.

08/13- Chief Turner attended a Ceremony of Recognition of Officers by Ed Doyle.

08/13- Chief Turner attended the Veteran of the Month Ceremony at the Tipton County Museum recognizing Sgt Chad Bohnert.

08/14- Chief Turner attended the Bluff City Thunder Training in Memphis, TN.

08/14- Chief Turner and staff attended the Sea of Blue for fallen MPD officer in Memphis.

08/15- Lt Avery attended the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Meeting.

08/15- Chief Turner attended the Tipton Prevents monthly meeting hosted by Baptist Memorial Hospital.

08/16- Chief Turner and Judge MO Eckel, III attended the TBI/TDDTF Statewide Executive Board Meeting in Nashville, TN

08/17- CPD staff provided security for the Issac Hayes Day Annual Celebration at Frazier Park.

08/19- Chief Turner, Mayor Hensley, and city Officials attended a Teams Meeting on the Community Saferoom with TEMA and FEMA representatives.

08/19- Chief Turner attended a Special Events Committee on the 51 Music Festival.
08/20- Chief Turner held a Training Unit Meeting at the CID.
08/21- Chief Turner attended the Legislative Committee Domestic Violence Protection Act Meeting in Nashville, TN.
08/22- Chief Turner attended the West TN Technology Lunch and Learn.
08/23- Lt McCurry attended update training for Flock Cameras hosted by TCSO.
08/27- Chief Turner attended a walk through for the 51 Music Festival.
08/27- Covington Police Department partnered with Covington High School for an Intruder Drill.
08/27- Chief Turner attended a Flag Presentation Ceremony at the Boys and Girls Club with Representative Debra Moody.
08/27- Chief Turner attended the Keep Tipton County Beautiful Board Meeting.
08/28- Chief Turner and the Command Staff held a meeting on timesheets and reporting of AOD.
08/29- Covington Police Department staff and Mayor Hensley partnered with Tipton Perfect for a video promo of Downtown Covington.
08/29- Chief Turner, Lt Dillingham, and the SRO Unit staff attended the Safety Meeting at CHS.
08/30- Covington Police Department partnered with Tipton Prevents for Overdose Awareness Day Ceremony held on the lawn of the Courthouse.
08/30 – 09/01- CPDF staff conducted THSO Traffic Enforcement Operations across the city.

Monthly Press Releases:

- 08/07 - **Covington Police Department arrest suspect involved in Nashville, TN homicide.**
- 08/23- **CPD makes arrest in Early Morning Shooting Incident in Covington.**
- 08/24- **Juveniles playing with gun, leads to one child shot and two adults arrested.**

August 2024 Major Expenses:

110-42100-132 | In-Service - **\$13,600**

- Covington Police Department current employees received in-service checks.

August Statistical Graphs and Totals:

- **August 2024 / Total calls for service – 1464**
- **August 2024 / Traffic stops – 118**
- **August 2024 / Statistics Patrol including and CID.**
- **August 2024 – Social Media Outreach – 57,172**

August Seizure Updates

- 1999 Green Toyota 4 Runner: Billy Reed/ Revoked for D.U.I & Narcotics
- 2009 Ford F-150 Platinum: Jason Brower/ Narcotics
- 2008 Infiniti G35: Marquiz Currie/ Narcotics
- 2004 White Chevy Silverado: Patrick Hawthorne/ Revoke for D.U.I
- 1999 Harley Davidson Motorcycle (30 Days on 09/13/2024)/ Revoked for D.U.I

Policy review:

CPD Policy Drug Recognition Expert – DRE: the policy outlines the training and procedures for officers to identify alcohol and drug abusers and removing impaired drivers from the roadways. This policy allows our officers to attend POST certified training by THSO.

Traffic survey:

A traffic survey was conducted with the traffic trailer at Douglas and Kinney Street (behind CHS).



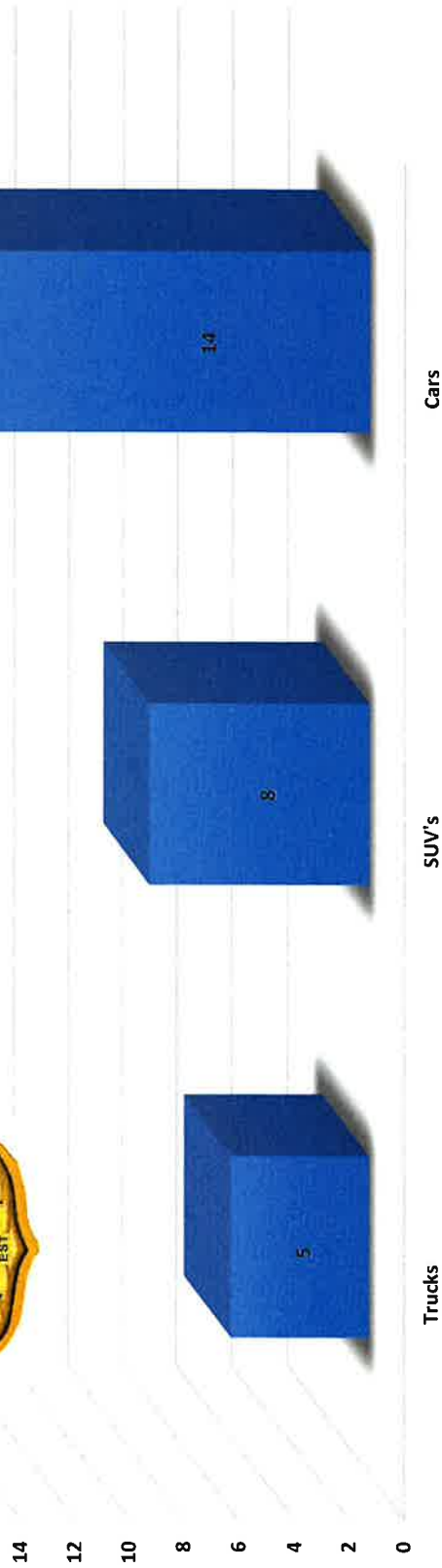
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- Positions
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- Openings



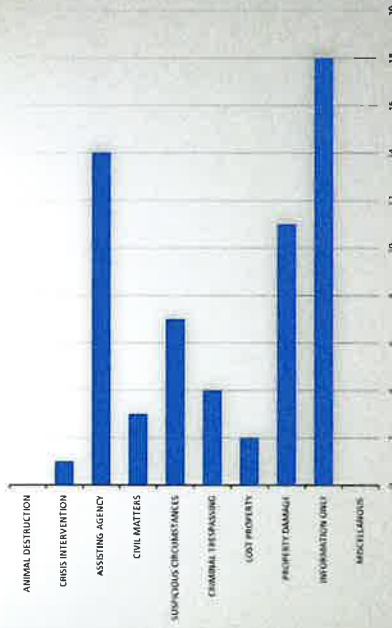
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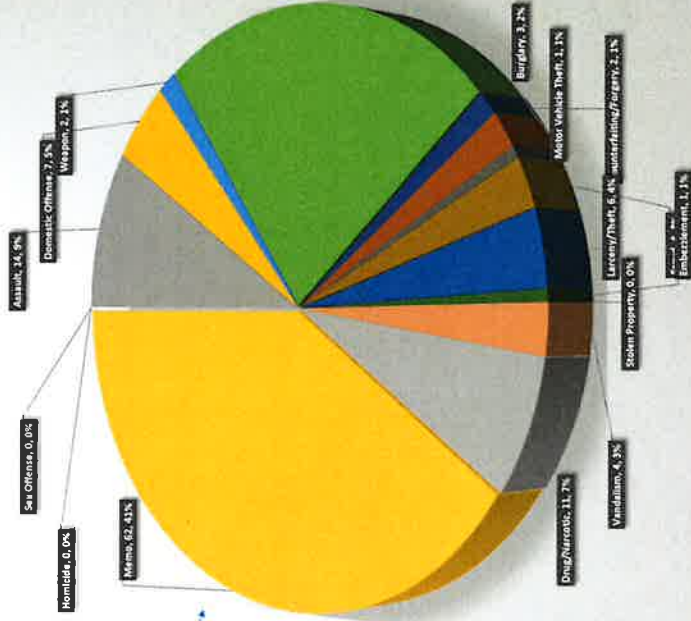


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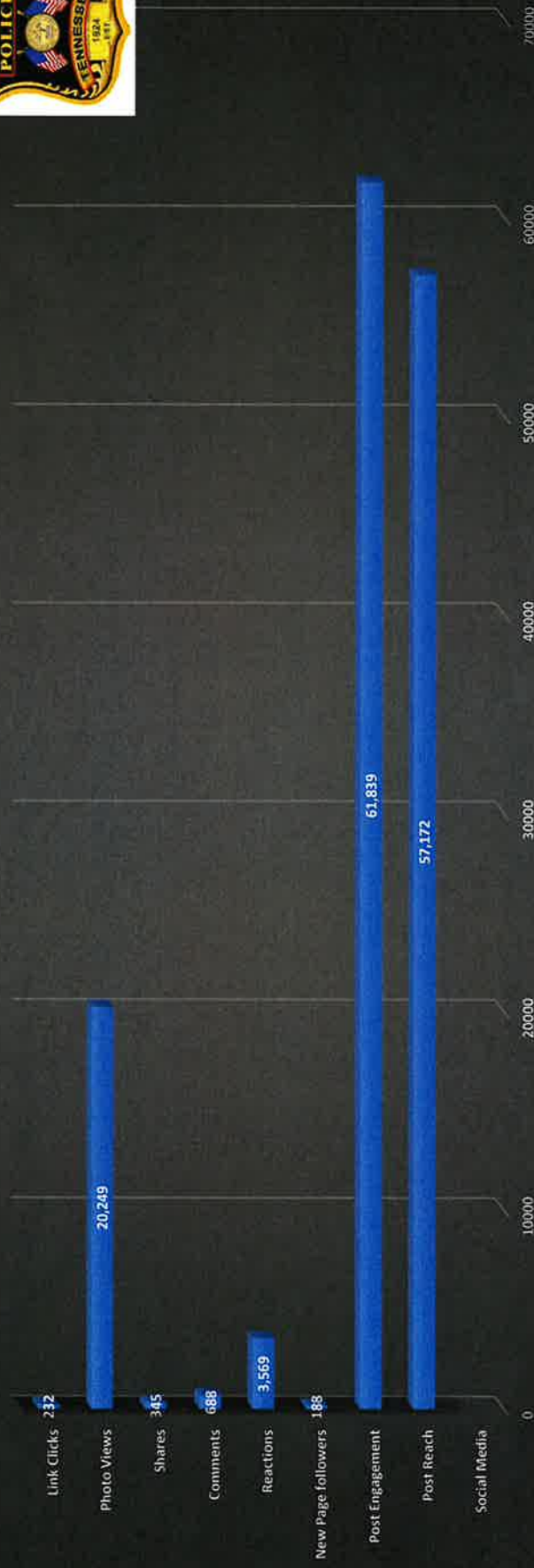


Offenses

- Homicide
- Sex Offense
- Assault
- Domestic Offense
- Weapon
- Misc. Reports
- Countering/Surgery
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Fraud
- Larceny/Theft
- Embezzlement
- Stolen Property
- Vandalism
- Drug/Marijuana
- Memo



CPD Social Media Engagements



Personnel	Positions	Sworn	Not Sworn	Openings														
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Fleet																		
	Total	Trucks	SUV's	Cars														
		27	5	8	14													
CPD Service	Total Calls	Traffic Stops	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests	Traffic Summons	Ordinance Violation												
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Offenses	Homicide	Sex Offense	Assault	Domestic Offense	Weapon	Misc. Reports	Counterfeiting/Forgery	Burglary	Motor Vehicle Theft	Fraud	Larceny/Theft	Embezzlement	Stolen Property	Vandalism	Drug/Narcotic	Memo		
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	57,172	61,839	188	3,569	688	345	20,249	232										



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PRESS RELEASE

07 August 2024

For Immediate Release

Covington Police Department arrest suspect involved in Nashville, TN homicide.

Last week the Covington Police Department Criminal Investigations Division detectives received information regarding a homicide in Nashville, TN. The Metro Nashville Police Department detectives requested assistance from CID in locating the suspect who resides in Covington. Metro Nashville PD issued a warrant for the arrest of the suspect, Rickey Starks, 24, allegedly involved in the homicide. CPD began gathering intelligence on the whereabouts of Starks. In addition, detectives assisted in identifying potential witnesses or other people related to the homicide investigation.

On 05 August 2024 at approximately 4:00pm, CPD detectives initiated a traffic stop on Lincoln Street near Hill in Covington and detectives were able to identify the driver as Rickey Starks, 24, of Covington, TN. Starks was taken into custody without incident and transferred to the Tipton County Jail. Starks has been released to Metro detectives and he has been transported to Nashville, Tennessee to face charges in the case.

"The CID detectives and intel analysts worked closely with the Metro detectives to immediately conduct surveillance and gather evidence in the case. I commend the swiftness of our CPD team to locate Starks and make the arrest in the homicide." -Chief Donna Turner

If anyone has information about these incident, please contact the CPD Criminal Investigations Division at 901-475-1261. Tips can be sent through Facebook messenger Covington Police Department or the City of Covington website.



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PRESS RELEASE

23 August 2024

For Immediate Release

CPD makes arrest in Early Morning Shooting Incident in Covington.

On 23 August 2024, at approximately 5:30 a.m., Covington Police Department (CPD) officers responded to a call reporting gunshots near Haynie Street and Murphy Street in Covington. Upon arrival, they found a male with multiple apparent gunshot wounds lying in a field. Despite his injuries, the man was conscious when officers arrived. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) assessed him on the scene, and he was promptly transported to Regional One Hospital in Memphis for further treatment. The injured individual, identified as Jamal Houston, 19, of Covington, TN, admitted to firing back at an individual during the incident. Officers began canvassing the scene and recovered a handgun near where he was found.

CPD detectives quickly began investigating the incident and processing the crime scene. The scene confirmed the shooting began in the 500 block of Simonton Street and continued on foot across Murphy, and into a field between Haynie Street and Hall Alley. Officers detained Trey Taylor, 30, of Covington, TN who was escorted to the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) for questioning.

Detectives determined that both Taylor and Houston were in the area during the time of the incident and exchanged gunfire along with a third male suspect, resulting in Houston's injuries. Further investigation identified the alleged third suspect as Cabias Purham, 21, of Covington, TN. The motive for the shooting is still under investigation. Detectives recovered a second weapon, and the vehicle involved in the incident.

Using intelligence gathered by CPD analysts and detectives, Purham was located and arrested in the 400 block of North College Street. He was transported to the Criminal Investigation Division and, after being interviewed, was transported to Tipton County Jail. Judge MO Eckel III set his bond at \$150,000.00, and he is scheduled to appear in Tipton County General Sessions Court on 29 October 2024. Detectives confirmed Houston remains in critical condition at the hospital today. Additional charges are expected in the case.

"I commend the officers, analysts, and detectives for their quick actions to identify who was involved in the early morning shooting. A lead in the case was developed with information from

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the Violent Crime Unit (VCU) agents who had come in contact earlier in a separate incident on Highway 51 near the hospital with two of the individuals and the now suspected vehicle in Covington. " said Chief Donna Turner "The quick actions aided in the recovery of the weapons from the area and identifying who was involved in the case."

If you have any information about this case, please contact the Criminal Investigation Division at 901-475-1261 or message us on the Covington Police Department's Facebook page.



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PRESS RELEASE

24 August 2024

For Immediate Release

Juveniles playing with gun, leads to one child shot and two adults arrested.

On 25 July 2024, Detectives from the Covington Police Department responded to Methodist North Hospital (Memphis, Tennessee), following a report of a juvenile with a gunshot wound to the leg. The juvenile was reportedly shot by another juvenile in the residence. The injured juvenile was promptly treated and is currently in stable condition.

An investigation and subsequent interviews revealed that the incident occurred at a residence located in the 100 block Shelton Street. It was determined that several juveniles were playing with a firearm inside the residence. The juveniles were left in the care of Danielle Mason (20 of Covington, Tennessee) and Xavier Martin (18 of Memphis, Tennessee).

According to Mason and Martin's statement, they were aware the children were handling the firearm but due to the weapon not belonging to them (Mason and Martin) they did not secure it. Martin also made false statements to detectives regarding the incident.

One juvenile was charged with aggravated assault. Danielle Mason was charged with Child Neglect and Endangerment. Xavier Martin was charged with Child Neglect/Endangerment and False Reporting. Martin's bond was set at \$100,000.00. Mason's bond was set at \$25,000.00. Both are free on bond and are slated to appear before General Sessions Court Judge Mo Eckel III on 03 September 2024.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the child affected by this incident, and we wish a swift and full recovery. The situation had the potential to be much more tragic. The Detectives, despite being given inconsistent statements from the adults, were able to determine the chain of events leading to the discharge of the weapon." said Chief Donna Turner. "We strongly urge all gun owners to ensure that their firearms are securely stored to prevent such incidents in the future especially if children frequent your home. To help ensure the security of your firearms, the Covington Driver Service Center offers free cable gun locks to Tennesseans. We encourage you to visit the center at your convenience to obtain a cable gun lock if you are in need. It takes a village to ensure the safety of our children."

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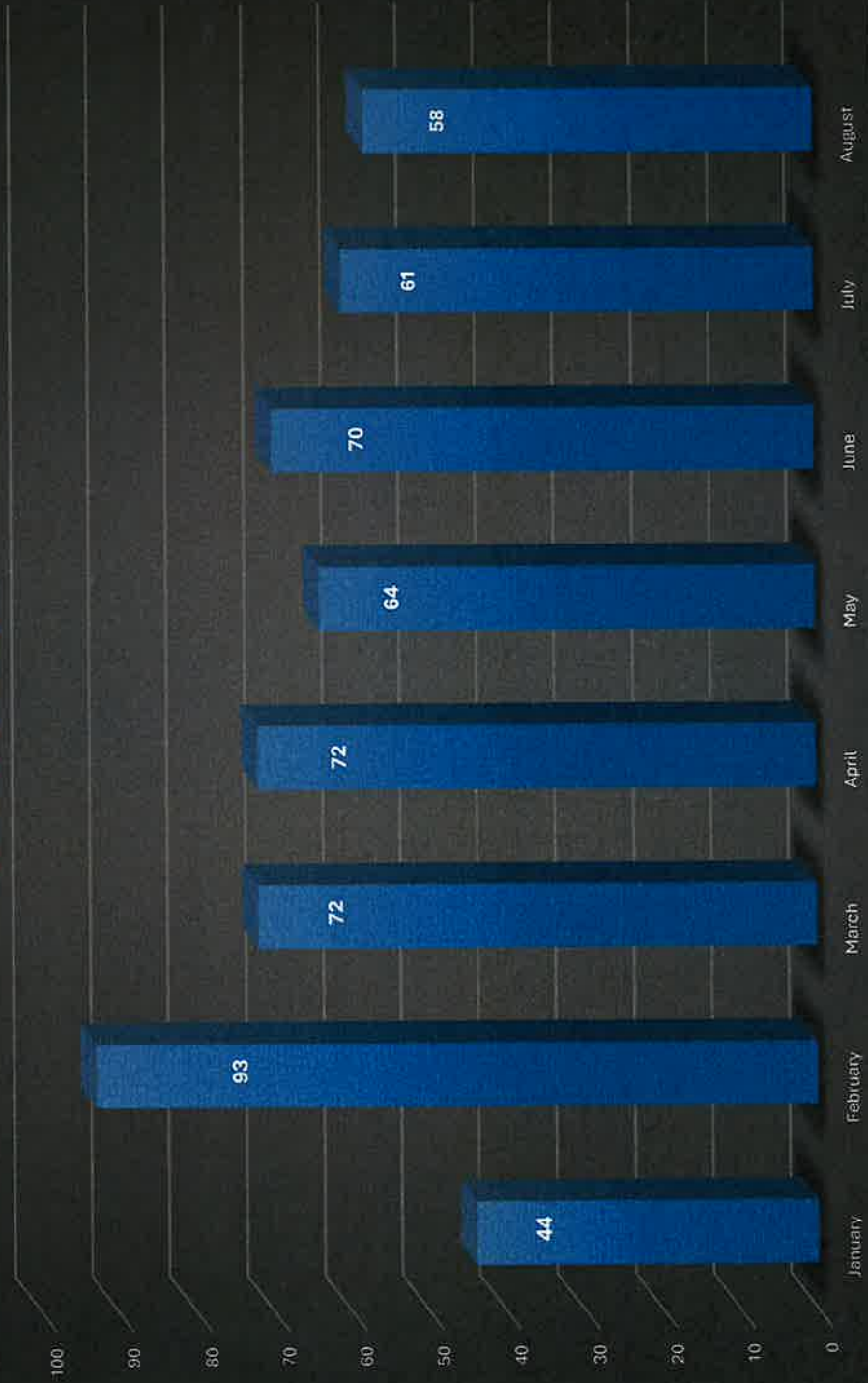
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Covington Police Department Patrol Division - Monthly Statistics

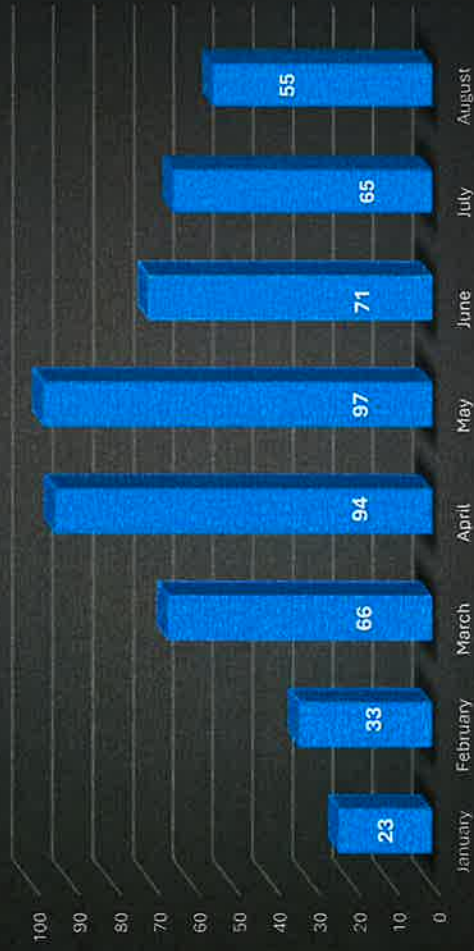


																																																	
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K-9 3pm-1am																																																	
VanVleet	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	10	0	0	0		18	0	0	0	0		
Totals	6	0	1	6	3	2	0	0	0	3	5	11	1	0	4	1	0	2	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	6	4	3	2	4	148	58	55	10	63		254	3	26	152	0		

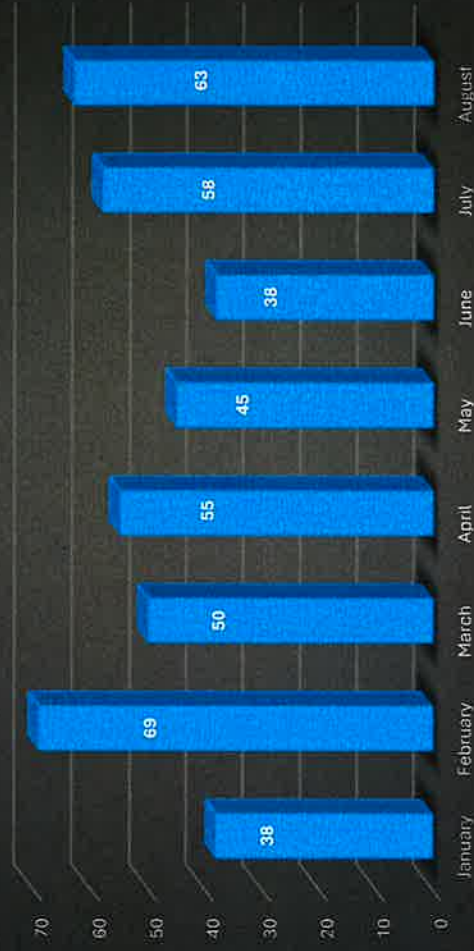
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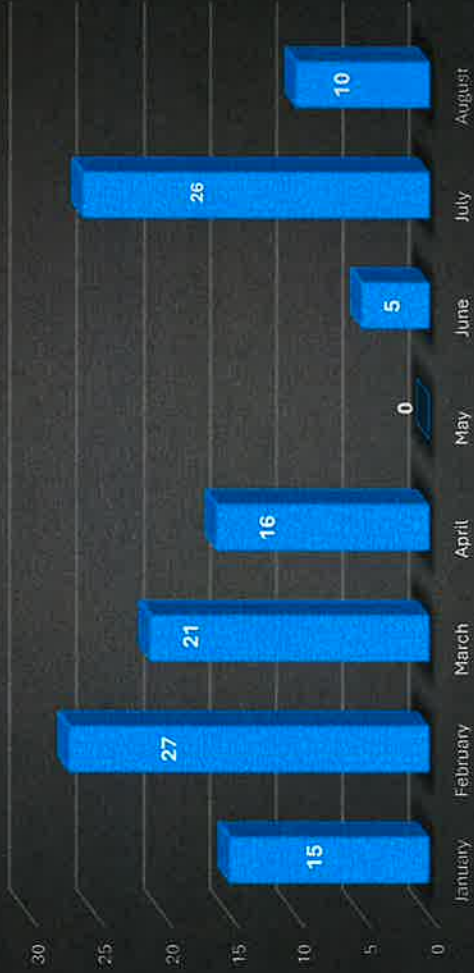
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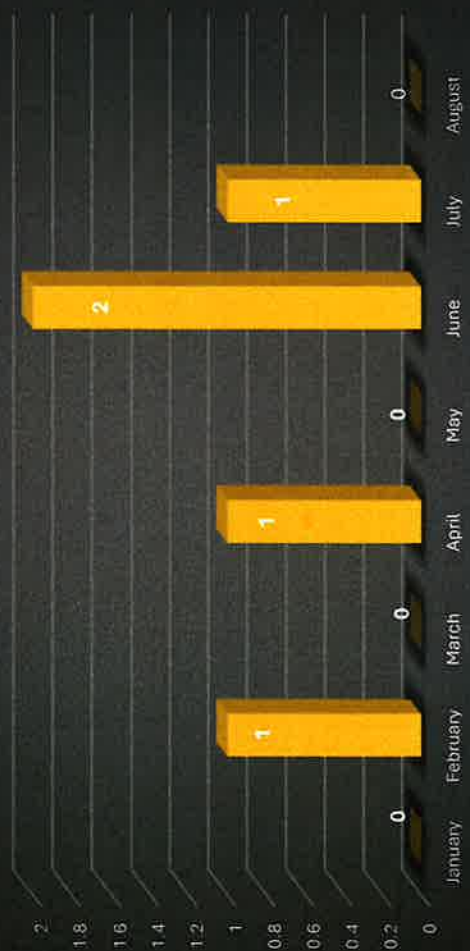
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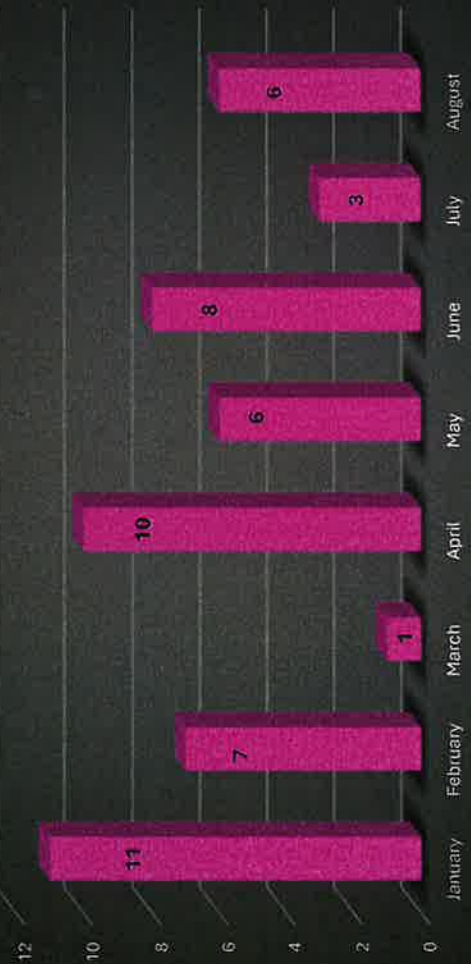
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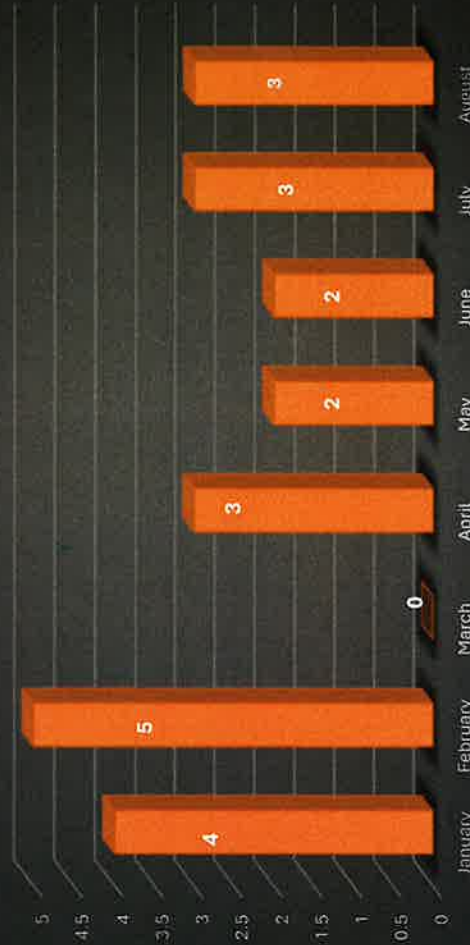
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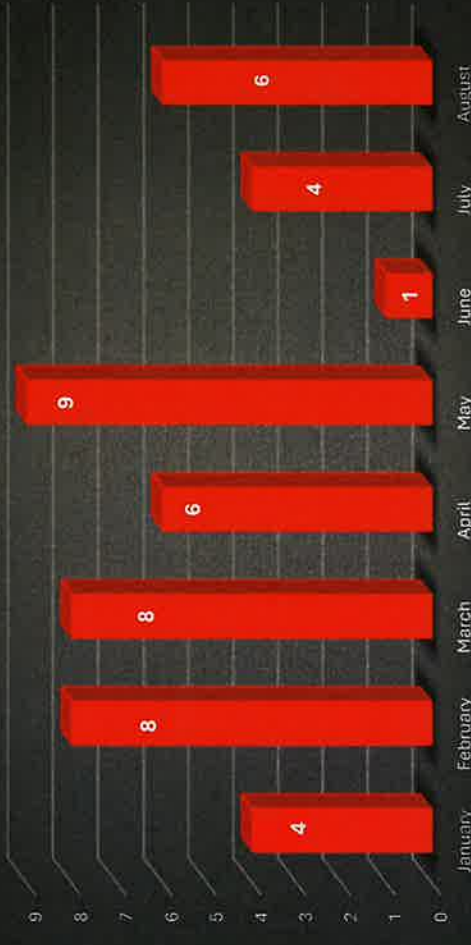
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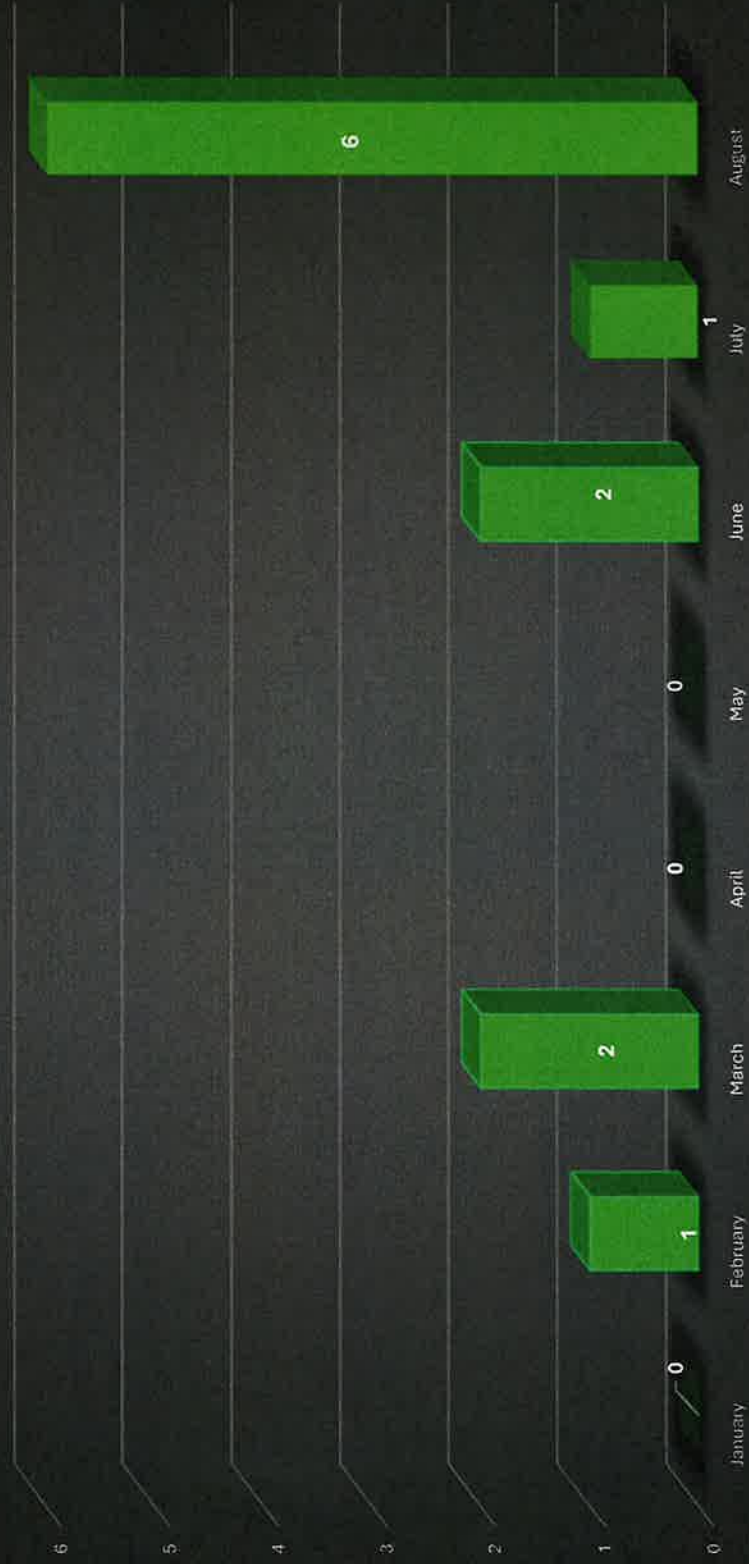
Burglary



Agg Assaults



Poss. of a Firearm




Covington Police Department

Criminal Investigations Division

Monthly Statistics		Acc. After Fact	Accidental/ overdose	Agency Assist	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Child Abuse	Child Sex Abuse	Credit Card Fraud	DOA/ Natural	DOA- O.D./Accident	DOA/Suicide	Drug/Narc.	Elder Abuse	Embezzlement	Fraud/Counterfeit	Homicide	Missing Person	Murder/Attempt	MVT/Pass. Vehicle	Natural	Other Investigations	Rape	Robbery	Shoplifting	Simple Assault	Forcible Fondling	Statutory Rape	Stolen Property	Suicide	Theft Over \$1,000	Theft Under \$1,000	Theft From Vehicle	Vandalism	Vehicle theft	Warrants PU'd																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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Covington Police Department School Resource Officer - Monthly Statistics



																												
	Community Events	Programs Assisted	Incident Reports	Juvenile Arrests	Adult Arrests	Searches Conducted	Weapons Recovered	Drug/ Alcohol/ Tobacco Viol.	Bus Drop-off/ pick up	Safety Drills	Student Transports	Traffic Duties	Presentations	After School Events	K-9 Searches/ Assists	Fighting/ Bullying Incidents	Theft Incidents	Administrative Meetings	Threats of Mass Violence	Medical Emergency	Proptery Damage	Fraud	INTRUDER					
Aug-24																								Days Worked	Details	Extra Patrol	Training Hrs.	Volunteer Hrs.
SRO																												
Lt. McCurry	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Cpl Robertson	1	2	4	4	0	1	0	2	22	0	0	24	1	11	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	17	0	0	40	0
L Smith	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	24	1	0	24	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0
C. Taylor	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	24	1	0	24	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	40	0
Totals	7	8		5	0	1	0		70	2	0	92	4	19	0	2	0	6		1	0	0	1	48	0	0	80	0