

Butner Town Council Meeting
Butner Public Safety Monthly Report
November 2, 2023 (submitted 10/24/2023)
By Chief J.G. Champion

FIRE SERVICES

Notable Fire Calls and Calls for Services since the last meeting

Fire Incidents October

September 26-October 23

Fire Incidents

Fire Alarm Activations	16
Motor Vehicle Collisions	13
Smoke Scare/Removal	5
Cancelled Enroute/No incident	4
Electrical Arcing	2
Assist EMS	2
Structure Fire	1
Total Number of Incidents	43

Notable Events

Butner Public Safety responded to a structure fire at Edgewood Bridge Apartments, 704 West B St. Upon arrival firefighters found an apartment building with heavy fire coming from the roof. BPS firefighters made an initial search and attack of the fire. Creedmoor, Stem, Providence and Redwood Fire Departments were called in for assistance as well as off duty BPS personnel. The fire destroyed one apartment and 7 others were damaged by smoke or water. The Red Cross and 1-800-BoardUp were called in to assist the residents that were displaced by the fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

POLICE SERVICES

Police Calls and Services for October 2023 (September 26-October 23)

911 Hang Up Calls -	36
Animal Complaints -	2
Arrest -	24
Breaking and Entering	0
B & E Motor Vehicles -	0
Communicating Threats -	2
Disturbances -	14
DWI -	3

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EMS Calls -	12
Juvenile Complaints -	1
Larcenies -	1
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	1
Traffic Stops -	232
Citations issued -	69
Traffic Check Points-	2
Vehicle Crashes"10-50's" -	13
Ride Along -	1
Robbery -	0
Property Checks-	278
Operations Reports Code#5-	261
Calls Resolved without Reports-	608

Notable Events

On 10/22/2023, a vehicle pursuit occurred. Sgt. Rigsbee observed a black Honda Accord driving recklessly on West B Street. The Honda was tailgating other vehicles and illegally passed them. Sgt. Rigsbee attempted a vehicle stop. A vehicle pursuit began on West B street and ended when the Honda pulled into 1002 East E Street and stopped. The vehicle ran multiple stop signs as well and illegally passed multiple vehicles. The driver, Cavaricci Edwards of 1002 East E Street was taken into custody. He was charged with Felony Flee to Elude, failing to stop for a stop sign, reckless driving to endanger, no operators license, following too closely, and illegal passing. Mr. Edwards was remanded to the Granville County detention center and placed under a \$60,000 secure bond.

On 10/16/2023, Sgt. Lomena stopped a vehicle on East C Street. The stop resulted in multiple narcotics being seized and the arrest of the passenger of the vehicle. Marijuana, Methamphetamines, and Ecstasy was seized along with scales and baggies. Mr. Ricquantis Drumgold of Henderson was charged with Felony possession of Marijuana, Felony possession of schedule I, Felony possession of schedule II, Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and/or deliver marijuana, Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and/or deliver schedule II, Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and/or deliver schedule I, and resist, obstruct or delay. Mr. Drumgold was remanded to the Granville County Detention Center and placed under a \$65,000 bond.

Lt. N. Williams began investigating a case involving the theft of over \$100,000 and the exploitation of an elder on 8/10/2023. After an extensive investigation, Lt. Williams was able to charge Mr. Kyle Harris of 109 Dogwood Circle with a class C Felony charge of obtaining over \$100,000 by false pretenses and a felony charge of elder abuse. Multiple search warrants were executed which ultimately led to Mr. Harris being taken into custody. Mr. Harris was remanded to the Granville County Detention Center under a \$150,000 secured bond. Mr. Marvin Turner of 109 Dogwood Circle was also taken into custody with the same charges. He also received a secured bond of \$150,000. Ms. Donna Terry has been charged but has not yet been located.

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Chief's Notes

Training hours overview- From September 26-October 23, Butner Public Safety employees participated in 557 hours of fire training and 112 hours of law enforcement training. This includes all training that is attended by Public Safety Officers, Firefighters, Telecommunicators, and civilian personnel.

Butner Public Safety visited 6 schools and daycares for Fire Prevention week and gave out educational information.

Butner Public Safety's National Night Out was a big success. Thank you to all who came and participated and to those that assisted us with the event.

Butner Public Safety participated in the National Faith & Blue weekend by partnering with Community Methodist Church. At the heart of this initiative is the reinforcement of connections between law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve through the reach of houses of worship. There is no resource that can match the depth of the faith community in facilitating productive engagement with law enforcement, which is needed now more than ever. These connections are built through activities that are held in neighborhoods of every kind across the United States, jointly hosted by houses of worship and local law enforcement entities.

Butner Public Safety hosted a Pumpkin Painting with the Police on October 14. Children got to visit the Butner Public Safety building to paint pumpkins with the officers and firefighters and received fire prevention information to take home and learn. There were approximately 30 children that were able to participate.

Butner Public Safety participated in the first ever Granville County Firefighter Rookie School. The class trains firefighters in the basic skills and abilities to participate in live burn fire training evolutions and once the live burn training is completed the firefighters are able to participate and extinguish live structure fires. There were multiple practical scenarios that the students had to complete and pass and also an end of the course written test. Four full-time employees and four volunteer firefighters participated in the training. Butner Public Safety was the primary training agency for this class and Stovall Volunteer Fire Department provided the training facility and the classroom. Oxford Fire Department also assisted with training and manpower for this event. Over 20 firefighters from throughout the county were able to attend this 40-hour training.

Butner Public Safety will hold its first ever Shop with a Cop event this year. Typically, we assist Creedmoor with their event, but this year, through donations, we have been able to have enough funds to sponsor our own kids. We will team with Creedmoor Police Department on the day of the event and then come back to Butner to wrap the gifts and have other activities. BPS is still accepting donations and whatever funds do not get spent this year will be carried over to next year's event.

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The annual Crimestopper's banquet and awards presentation was held on October 24, 2023 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Creedmoor. Butner Public Safety's recipient of the Crimestopper of the Year award was presented to PSO Joseph Mennella. Some of PSO Mennella's accomplishments that helped solidify his nomination was 65% of PSO Mennella's incident reports were closed by arrest. Of those 46 reports, PSO Mennella made 45 of the arrests in the case. In regard to traffic enforcement, PSO Mennella made 8 DWI arrests in which 3 were in one week. PSO Mennella wrote numerous traffic citations over the past year as well which in turn makes the roads safer for the motoring public.