

Cherokee County
Fire & Emergency Services

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Chief Eddie L. Robinson
A 2/2Y Fire Department





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MISSION

Work aggressively to preserve life and property, promote public safety, and foster economic growth in Cherokee County.

VISION

We will be aggressive and competent firefighters, providing the most progressive emergency medical service in the state. We will be excellent in all things in the service to our community.

VALUES

- Courage** - The mental and physical ability to face adversity with focus and determination.
- Commitment** - The act of dedicating one's self through total effort to accomplishing the mission.
- Integrity** - We live according to a code of ethics that governs our behavior both on and off the job.



449

TOTAL EMPLOYEES

445 Full Time
5 Part Time
176 Paramedics
235 AEMTs or EMT-Is



FIELD OPERATIONS

395 Full Time
5 Part Time



SUPPORT SERVICES

50 Full Time

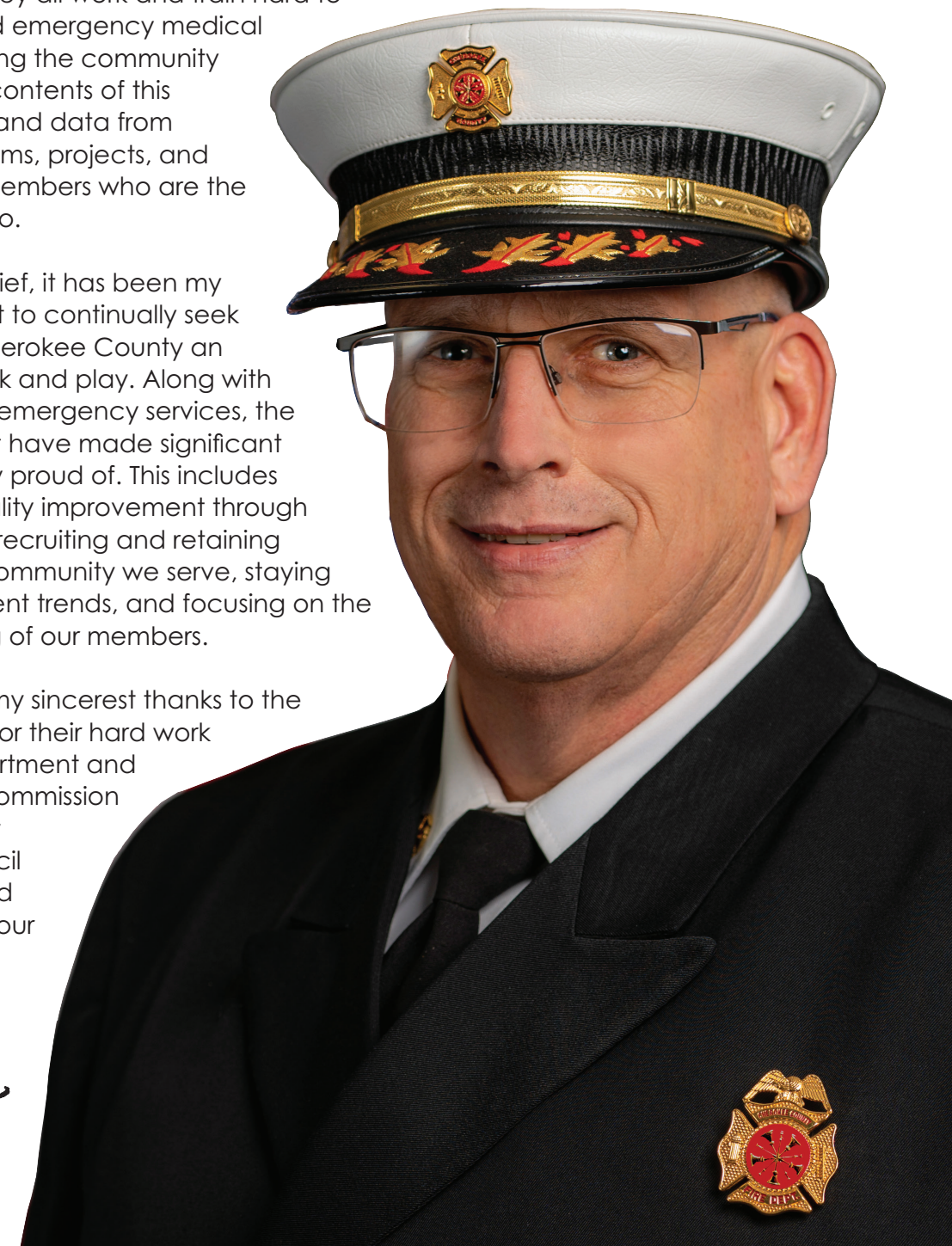
A Message from THE CHIEF

On behalf of the men and women of Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services (CCFES), I am honored to submit to you our 2022 annual report. This was another great year for the fire department as we have continued to develop and promote professionalism in every aspect of our jobs. Your firefighters and staff understand that they must be both mentally and physical tough. Therefore, they all work and train hard to deliver excellence in fire and emergency medical response, as well as educating the community on risk reduction. While the contents of this report may focus on details and data from the fire department's programs, projects, and performance, it is truly our members who are the heart and soul of what we do.

During my first year as fire chief, it has been my goal to lead this department to continually seek innovative ways to make Cherokee County an even safer place to live, work and play. Along with providing fast and effective emergency services, the members of the department have made significant achievements that I am very proud of. This includes seeking excellence and quality improvement through international accreditation, recruiting and retaining applicants that reflect the community we serve, staying up to date on the most current trends, and focusing on the overall health and wellbeing of our members.

In closing, I want to extend my sincerest thanks to the men and women of CCFES for their hard work and dedication to the department and community. To the county commission chair, commissioners, county manager, mayors, city council members, city managers and the citizens, I thank you for your incredible trust and support.

Chief Eddie C. Robinson



Fire Department Leadership



Eddie Robinson
Fire Chief



Shane West
Deputy Chief of Support Services



Kevin Lanier
Deputy Chief of Operations



Dean Floyd
Division Chief of Community Risk Reduction



Marc Liscio
Battalion Chief of Logistics



Scott Gwinn
Battalion Chief of Health & Safety



Chad Davis
Division Chief Shift Commander A-Shift



Mark Orr
Division Chief Shift Commander B-Shift



Ryan McElwee
Division Chief Shift Commander C-Shift



Nate Sullivan
Battalion Chief of EMS



Jon Allen, M.D.
Medical Director



Jill Mabley, M.D.
Associate Medical Director



Cheri Collett
Battalion Chief of Business Intelligence



Darrell Mitchell
Battalion Chief of Special Operations



Chad Arp
Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal



Danny Carder
Battalion Chief of Training

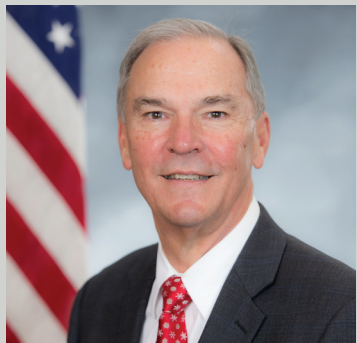


Libby Griffiths
Human Resources Manager



Katie Erwin
Accreditation Manager

County Leadership



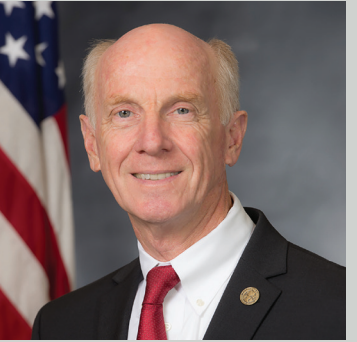
Harry Johnston
Chairman



Steve West
District 1 Commissioner



Richard Weatherby
District 2 Commissioner



Benny Carter
District 3 Commissioner



Corey Ragsdale
District 4 Commissioner



Geoff Morton
County Manager

Internationally Accredited



The end of 2022 brought long-awaited, fantastic news for Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services.

After years of work under three fire chiefs, the onsite review team from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International recommended international accreditation for the agency.

In early 2023, Fire & Emergency Services leadership, County leadership and the department's accreditation team traveled to Orlando, Florida to witness the official decision. The CFAI Board unanimously approved the accredited status, making CCFES one of only 300 agencies worldwide to hold the distinguished status.

CFAI Accreditation recognizes CCFES' dedication to protecting life and property.

The accreditation process includes 11 categories:

- Governance and Administration
- Assessment and Planning
- Goals and Objectives
- Financial Resources
- Community Risk Reduction Programs
- Physical Resources
- Human Resources
- Training and Competency
- Essential Resources
- External Systems Relationship
- Health and Safety



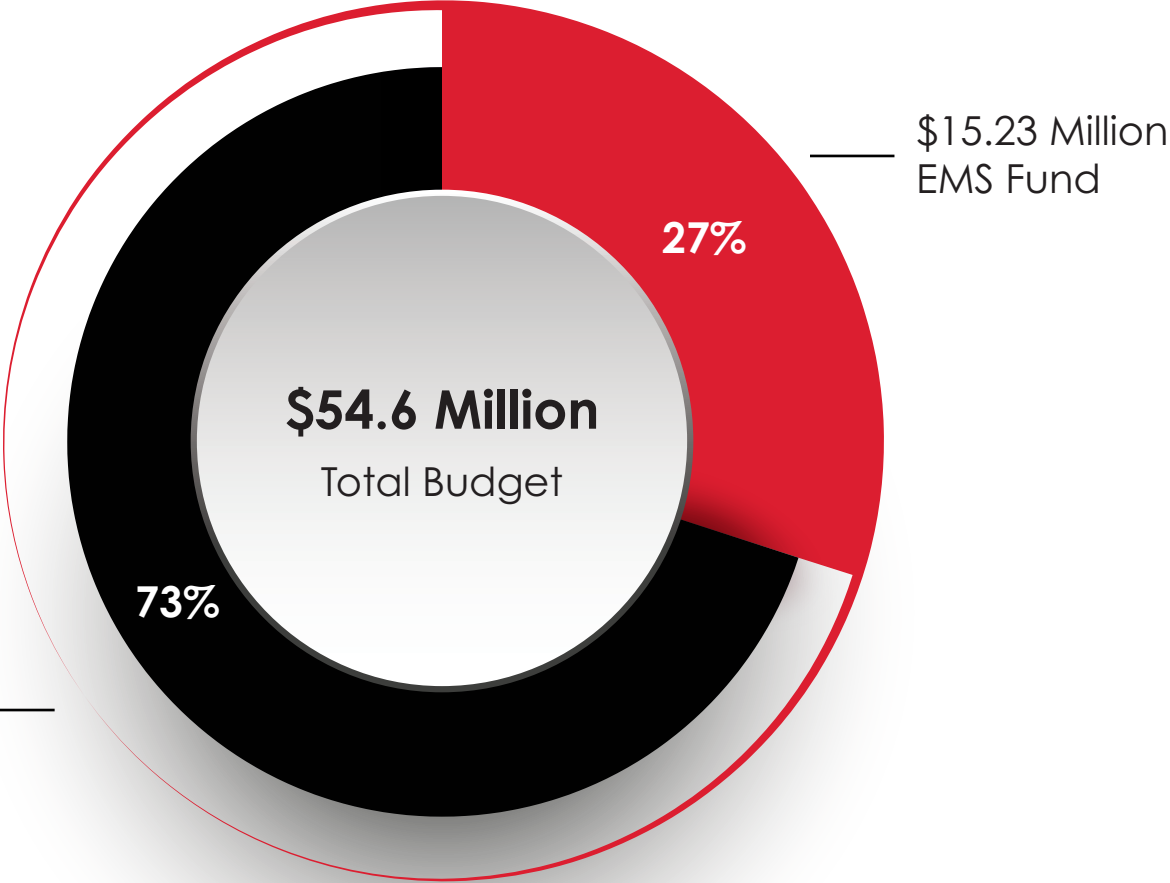
2022 Notable Highlights



- ◇ Fire Chief Eddie Robinson took over the helm of Fire & Emergency Services in March 2022, following the retirement of Chief Tim Prather.
- ◇ Full complement of officers at all staffed fire stations, bringing stronger leadership to Field Operations.
- ◇ LUCAS devices, power stretchers and loaders deployed to all the transport units.
- ◇ Paratech stabilization tools placed on all aerial trucks.
- ◇ New rescue truck purchased for Station 9.
- ◇ Dr. Jon Allen tapped as new medical director.
- ◇ Budget Manager position created, resulting in better budgeting practices and oversight.
- ◇ Four firefighters who serve as SWAT medics and fire investigators completed basic law enforcement training.
- ◇ Implemented APX Software for fire inspections and pre-incident plans.
- ◇ Blue Card Command implemented department wide.
- ◇ Battery-powered extrication tools added to fleet of hydraulic equipment.
- ◇ Twenty-nine recruits graduated from fire recruit school.
- ◇ Broke ground on Station 13 in the Suttalee Community.
- ◇ Firefighters brought home trophy from Georgia Firefighter Competition.
- ◇ Over 10,000 toys collected for children in Cherokee County during the holidays.
- ◇ Street signs and building numbers unveiled at Training Center in honor of Justin and Amber Hicks.



Annual Budget



Salaries
Benefits
Payroll Taxes



Vehicle Maintenance
Fuel & Utilities
Training
Supplies & Equipment

SPLOST and ARPA Funding

Training Center Expansion

\$4.5M
SPLOST 2018

Station Renovations
Station 20 - Oak Grove
Station 18 - Salacoa
Station 5 - Macedonia

New Stations Under Construction
Station 13 - Sutablee
Station 15 - Mica

2022 ARPA Spend | \$3.47 Million

7 Squads.....	\$1.68 million
125 SCBAs.....	\$739,150
LUCAS CPR Systems.....	\$152,118
Power Stretchers & Loading Systems.....	\$898,501

Incident Volume and Response Times

32,503
Total Calls

6:44

Average Overall Response Time

90th Percentile
10:39 (Fire) | 10:08 (EMS)



210
Structure
Fires



417
Non-Dwelling
Fires



1,373
False
Alarms



957
Technical
Rescues



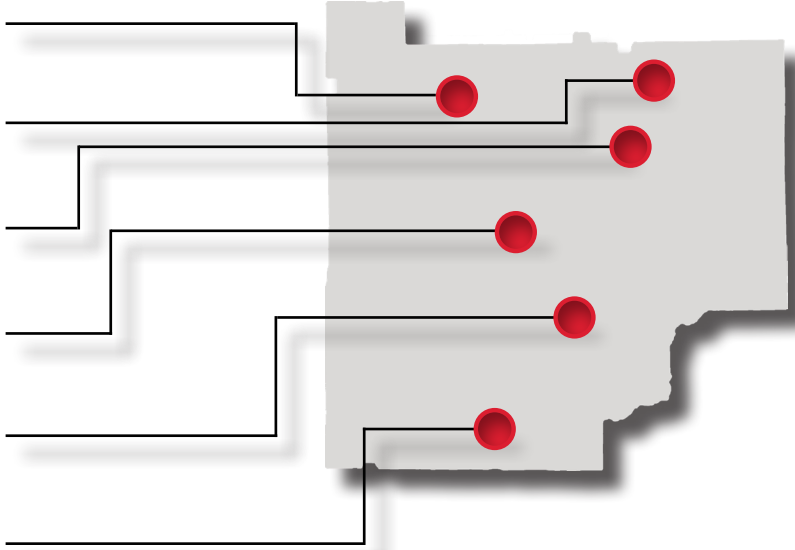
22,950
EMS
Calls



6,596
Calls for
Service

14,419 Ambulance Transports

- Waleska**
Fire Average - 3:57 | 90th Percentile - 6:06
EMS Average - 6:27 | 90th Percentile - 12:07
- Nelson**
Fire Average - 12:40 | 90th Percentile - 17:19
EMS Average - 9:47 | 90th Percentile - 13:47
- Ball Ground**
Fire Average - 6:29 | 90th Percentile - 12:29
EMS Average - 6:46 | 90th Percentile - 10:05
- Canton**
Fire Average - 6:19 | 90th Percentile - 9:48
EMS Average - 6:18 | 90th Percentile - 9:41
- Holly Springs**
Fire Average - 5:03 | 90th Percentile - 8:41
EMS Average - 5:31 | 90th Percentile - 8:20
- Woodstock**
Fire Average - 5:35 | 90th Percentile - 8:14
EMS Average - 6:17 | 90th Percentile - 9:41





1

100 Old Bascomb Court | Oak Grove



7

1530 Barnes Road | Little River



8

260 Hickory Road | Holly Springs



19

100 Ridge Mill Court | Acworth



20

6274 Bells Ferry Road | Oak Grove



22

9550 Bells Ferry Road | Bridgemill



24

1000 River Park Boulevard | River Park

Battalion 1



Clay Cloud
Battalion 1 Chief
A-Shift



Jamie McCord
Battalion 1 Chief
B-Shift



Shannon Gibbs
Battalion 1 Chief
C-Shift

Battalion 1 operates in three 24-hour shifts serving the southern portion of Cherokee County. Each of the shifts is supervised by a Battalion Chief, who oversees the operations of each shift.

Station 1

Station 7

Station 8

Station 19

Station 20

Station 22

Station 24



2

420 Valley Street | Ball Ground



3

270 Crown Avenue | Hickory Flat



4

9253 Freehome Highway | Free Home



5

10378 East Cherokee Drive | Macedonia



15

5804 Yellow Creek Road | Mica



21

1190 Evenflo Drive | Airport



23

7625 Vaughn Road | Hickory Flat



25

2250 Holbrook Campground Rd | Holbrook



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89 Dogwood Pass | Nelson



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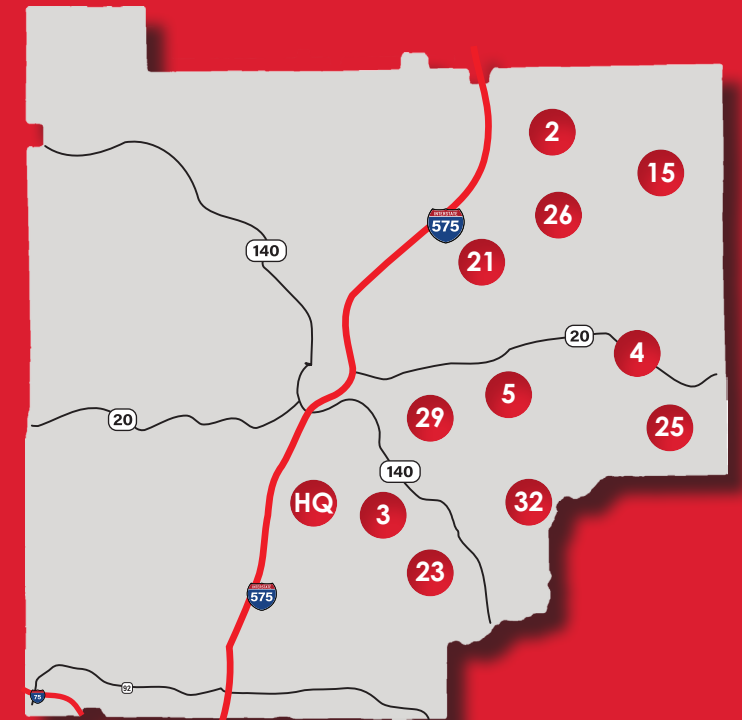
3451 Cumming Hwy. | Buffington



32

3644 Sugar Pike Road | Hickory Flat

Battalion 2



Ricky Collett
Battalion 2 Chief
A-Shift



Ryan Osborne
Battalion 2 Chief
B-Shift



Brian Ward
Battalion 2 Chief
C-Shift

Battalion 2 operates in three 24-hour shifts serving the eastern portion of Cherokee County. Each of the shifts is supervised by a Battalion Chief, who oversees the operations of each shift.

Station 2
Station 3
Station 4
Station 5
Station 15
Station 21

Station 23
Station 25
Station 26
Station 29
Station 32



6

3396 Land Road | Clayton



9

1467 Reinhardt College Pkwy. | Pearidge



11

2731 Marietta Hwy. | Canton



12

9081 Fincher Road | Waleska



13

2833 Knox Bridge Hwy. | Suttalee



16

190 W. Main Street | Canton



17

125 Chickasaw Drive | Lake Arrowhead



18

5840 Salacoa Road | Salacoa



27

1216 Lake Arrowhead Drive | Lake Arrowhead

Battalion 3



Frankie Martinez
Battalion 3 Chief
A-Shift



Scott Deal
Battalion 3 Chief
B-Shift



Thomas Capps
Battalion 3 Chief
C-Shift

Battalion 3 operates in three 24-hour shifts serving the central and northwestern portions of Cherokee County. Each of the shifts is supervised by a Battalion Chief, who oversees the operations of each shift.

Station 6
Station 9
Station 11
Station 12
Station 13
Station 16

Station 17
Station 18
Station 27

Training Division

121,338

The CCFES Training Division provides training to all county fire personnel, as well as other agencies that request. In 2022, training personnel provided 121,338 training hours.

29

Class 2021-01 included 29 recruits who graduated and joined the ranks of CCFES in 2022.

22

Firefighters had the opportunity to attend CCFES' in-house paramedic school. Twenty-one firefighters are on track to graduate in June 2023. Fifteen are from CCFES while seven are from other agencies.

other highlights

Training Center Expanded

Three EMS instructors presented at state and regional EMS conferences

Hosted Specialty Classes:

- Intro to Rope

- Hazardous Materials Technician

- Heavy Lifting

- Holmatro Pentheon battery-powered extrication tools





Community Risk Reduction

Community Risk Reduction Division encompasses the Fire Marshal's Office and The Public Safety Education Office. The Fire Marshal's Office staff provides a full range of technical support services for plan review and inspections of new construction. Fire Inspectors inspect existing businesses for compliance with fire and life safety codes to ensure a safe environment for those that work in and visit local businesses. The Fire Marshal's Office works closely with the Cherokee County Community Development Agency related to annexations and de-annexations, as well as rezonings and permits. The Public Safety Education staff provides prevention education to all ages through community partnerships with schools, community organizations and local businesses. The department provides education and resources on many subjects including fire safety, smoke alarms, child passenger safety, water safety, bike and pedestrian safety, CPR classes and many more.

7,491 Total Activities

3,393 Total Reviews

2,798

Fire Plan
Reviews

12

Annexation &
De-Annexation
Reviews

220

Technical Review
Meeting

363

Open Records
Reviews

4,098 Total Inspections

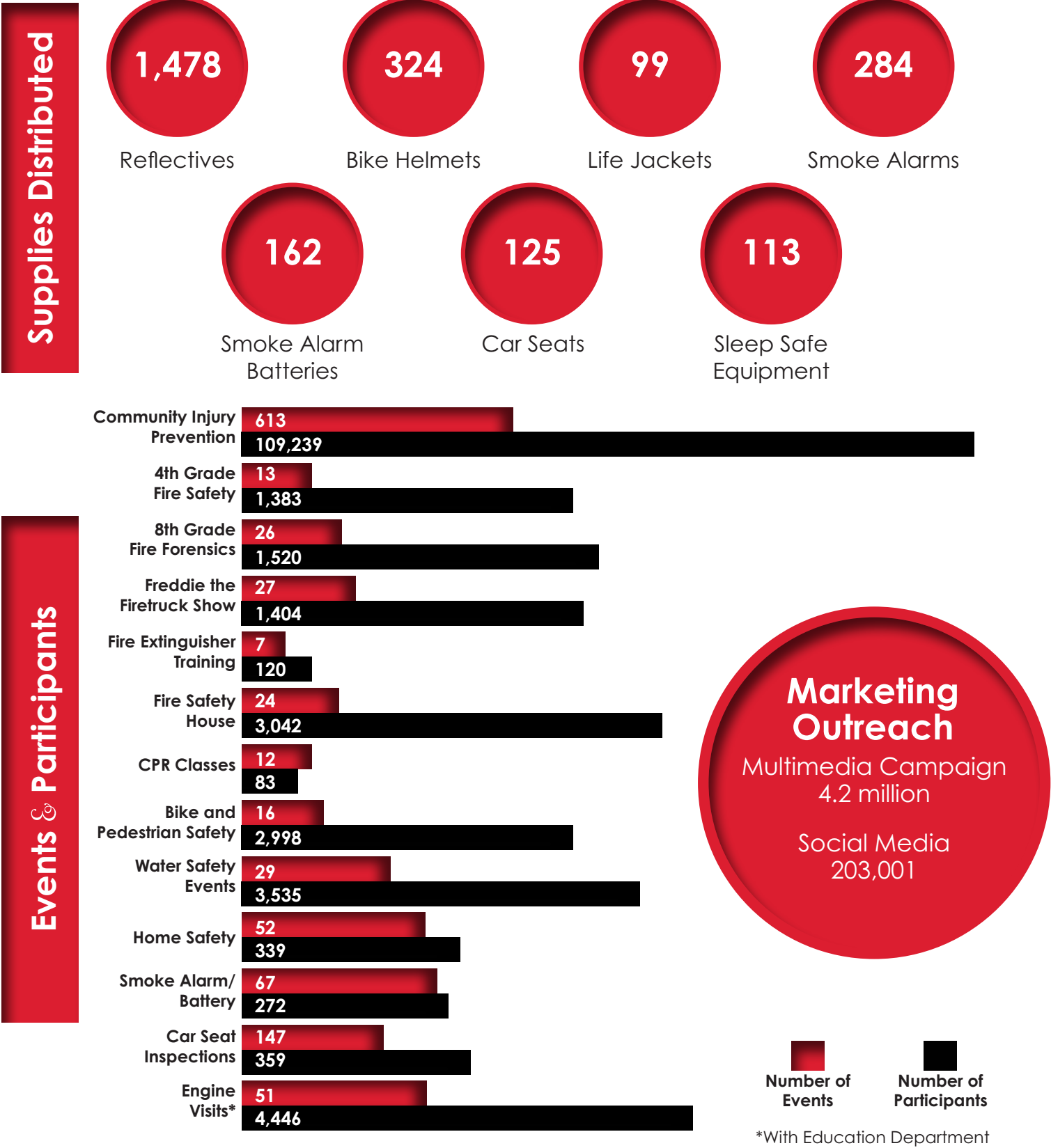
1,659

New Building
Construction

2,439

Existing
Buildings

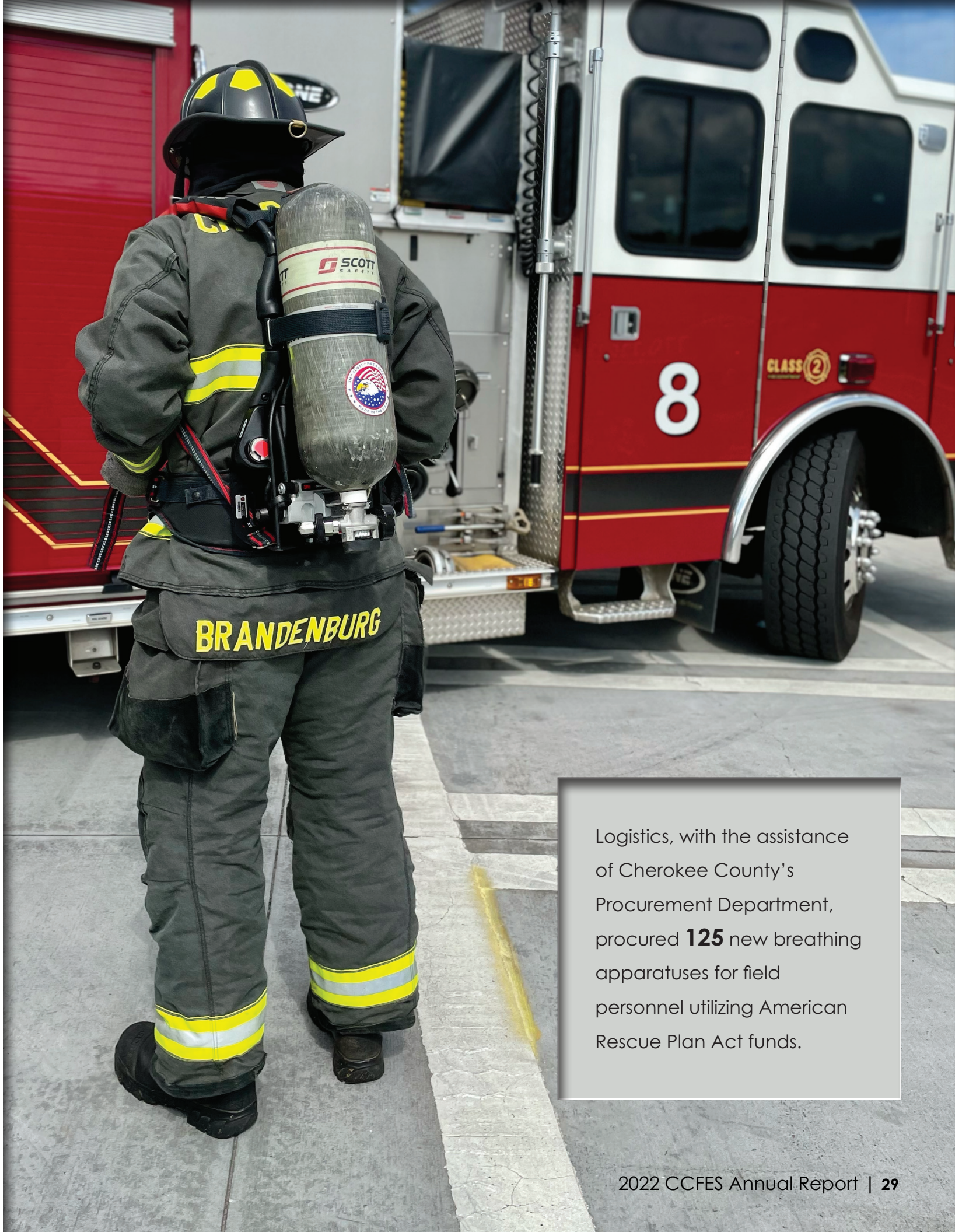
Community Risk Reduction



Logistics



- LUCAS device program pushed out to all squads and some engine-only stations
- Over 300,000 medical supplies bought and inventoried
- \$278,000 in supply requests processed and delivered
- 11 new administrative vehicles purchased and delivered
- Switched to green firefighting foam
- 650 purchase orders processed
- New box truck purchased and put into service
- Increased assets under management by another 1,000, now have over 9,200 assets under management
- Fulfilled 2,500 service requests, more than twice as many as 2021
- Procured and assisted with changing entire Squad fleet to power load and power stretchers.



Logistics, with the assistance of Cherokee County's Procurement Department, procured **125** new breathing apparatuses for field personnel utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds.

New Ranks

Promoted to Sergeant

Thomas Vermilya
 Nicolas Rodriguez
 Lance Tucker
 Eric Parr
 Joshua Germon
 Sam Lackender
 Larry Stephenson Jr.
 Nicholas Woodall
 Holt Bambarger
 Benjamin Keifer
 Christopher Soltes
 Adam Long
 Brandon Watkins
 James Fox
 Reginold Thurman
 Paul Ribeiro
 Matt Armstrong

Promoted to Lieutenant

Cody Wilson
 Nick Durham
 Mark Alexander
 Jon Gottfried
 Barry Howell
 Josh Thomas
 Christopher George
 Randy Fifield
 Joe El-Bisi
 Christopher Roberts
 Corey Deal
 Joshua McCord
 Alex Henderson

Promoted to Captain

Justin Gilleland
 John Carroll
 Phillip Carlisle

Promoted to Battalion Chief

Scott Gwinn
 Danny Carder

Promoted to Division Chief

Chad Davis

Promoted to Deputy Chief

Kevin Lanier



Happy Retirement



Timothy Prather
 35 years of service
 Fire Chief



Craig DeLay
 22 years of service
 Lieutenant



Adam Dierdorff
 17 years of service
 Lieutenant



Alex Birchell
 15 years of service
 Sergeant



Daniel Baiamonte
 15 years of service
 Plans Examiner



Rick Morris
 15 years of service
 Fire Apparatus Operator



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