

FIRE CHIEF  
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# CITY OF COVINGTON

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MAYOR  
JAN WADE HENSLEY



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Covington Fire Department

Report for August 26, 2025

1. Community Events: 8/7- Chief Channel attended a Child Fatality Review in Somerville, 8/14- C-Shift assisted in loading commodities TCCA, 8/20- Assisted Covington PD with intruder drills in Covington schools, 8/20- Assisted Boys & Girls Club with a fire drill. 8/26-27<sup>th</sup> Chief Griggs is attending the LEPC meeting in Savannah Tn. 8/26-27<sup>th</sup> Chief Channell is attending an Incident Management Team exercise simulating a tornado response in Nashville Tn.
2. Volunteer Hours: 28 hours worked by Volunteers in July.
3. Call volume report for July 17<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
4. County coverage area collections for 2025: \$75,675.00.
5. 2025/2026 Budget expenditures to date: Awaiting numbers from director Elam.
6. Severe Weather Sirens: Replaced the antenna at dispatch, all units are operational at this time.
7. Fire Inspection report—See report
8. Engine 3 loose equipment bid announcement.
9. OSHA compliance report-See report
10. Training: Firefighter Pannell is attending the fire academy. Firefighter Tindall successfully passed EMT examination on 8/20 he will be attending the Advanced level EMT class DSCC. Two new firefighters Tethion Jones, Ethan Bell. These two newest firefighters will be attending EMT @ DSCC.
11. Free Smoke Alarms Please Call (901)-476-2578 to schedule an appointment.

12. There will be a 9/11 Memorial @ Brighton City Park @07:30 am.

13. Engine 2- Damage , waiting for a price from the manufacture for the doors, so we can get a local bid on repainting and installation.

**JULY 2025**

<b>EMP #</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CALL IN HOURS</b>	<b>SHIFT TRAINING HOURS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL AFTER -12 HOURS</b>
1208	ZAC COOK	0	0	0	0
1349	DUVALE DEAN	0	0	0	0
1012	CODY FAULK	0	0	0	0
	NOAH GAMBLIN	0	0	0	0
1467	TETHION JONES	0	4	4	0
914	CODY PEELER	0	24	24	12
	SA DABRIE TAYLOR	0	0	0	0
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>

**\*\*\* CODY PEELER GETS PAID FOR 12 HOURS\*\*\***

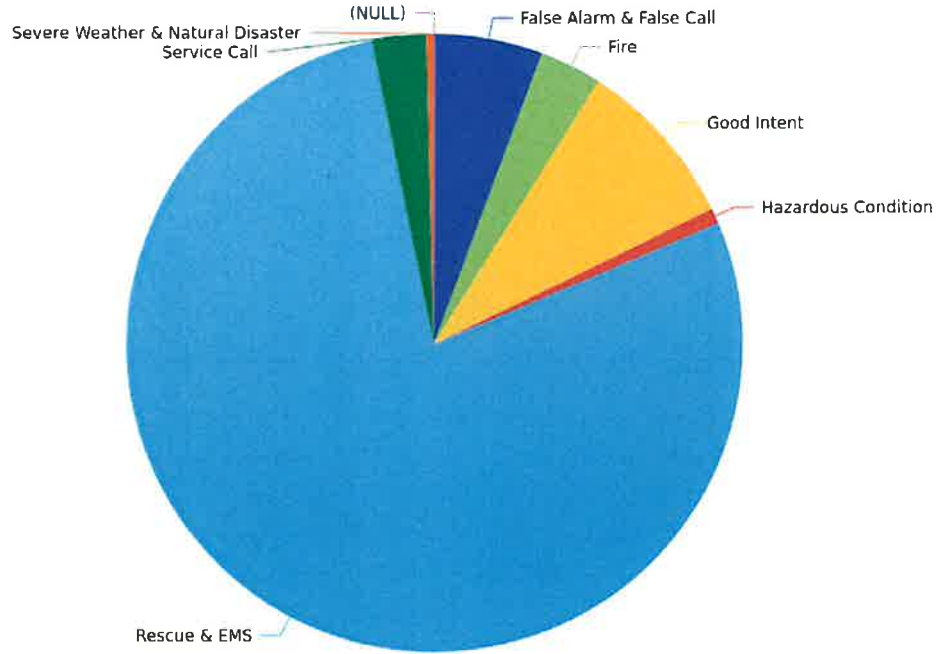
**\*\*\* ZAC COOK WENT TO VOLUNTEER 7-1-25 \*\*\***

**CERTIFIED PAYROLL SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**DATE: 8-4-2025**



### Incidents Statics Summary



RESPONSE ZONE / INCIDENT TYPE SERIES NAME (NFIRS)	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS	% OF THE TOAL CALLS
<b>(NULL)</b>		<b>0.00%</b>
(NULL)		0.00%
<b>District 1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9.31%</b>
False Alarm & False Call	1	0.40%
Fire	2	0.81%
Good Intent	1	0.40%
Rescue & EMS	18	7.29%
Service Call	1	0.40%
<b>District 2</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>30.36%</b>
False Alarm & False Call	3	1.21%
Fire	1	0.40%
Good Intent	3	1.21%

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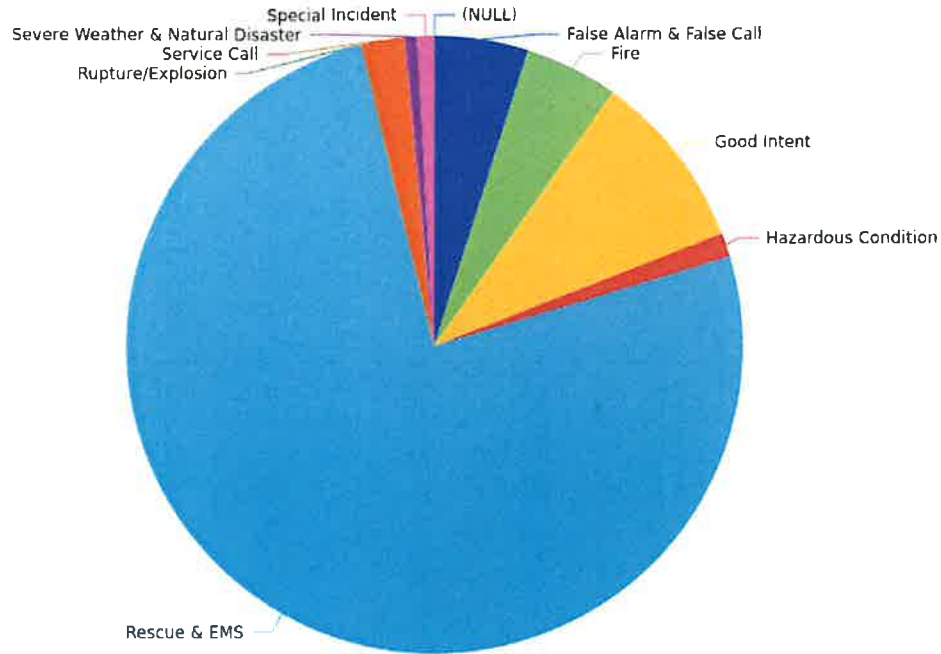
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RESPONSE ZONE / INCIDENT TYPE SERIES NAME (NFIRS)	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS	% OF THE TOAL CALLS
Hazardous Condition	1	0.40%
Rescue & EMS	62	25.10%
Service Call	4	1.62%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.40%
<b>District 3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15.79%</b>
False Alarm & False Call	4	1.62%
Good Intent	7	2.83%
Rescue & EMS	28	11.34%
<b>District 4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8.50%</b>
Good Intent	2	0.81%
Rescue & EMS	18	7.29%
Service Call	1	0.40%
<b>District 5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9.72%</b>
Fire	1	0.40%
Good Intent	3	1.21%
Hazardous Condition	1	0.40%
Rescue & EMS	18	7.29%
Service Call	1	0.40%
<b>District 6</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>23.89%</b>
False Alarm & False Call	5	2.02%
Fire	1	0.40%
Good Intent	5	2.02%
Rescue & EMS	48	19.43%
<b>District 7 - CFD County Coverage Area</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1.62%</b>
False Alarm & False Call	1	0.40%
Fire	2	0.81%
Rescue & EMS	1	0.40%
<b>ESN 407 Brighton Outside City</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.40%</b>
Fire	1	0.40%
<b>ESN 409 Three Star</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.40%</b>
Good Intent	1	0.40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



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<b>(NULL)</b>		<b>0.00%</b>
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<b>District 1</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>10.02%</b>
False Alarm & False Call	8	0.48%
Fire	8	0.48%
Good Intent	10	0.60%
Hazardous Condition	1	0.06%
Rescue & EMS	136	8.16%
Rupture/Explosion	1	0.06%
Service Call	2	0.12%
Special Incident	1	0.06%
<b>District 2</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>26.45%</b>

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RESPONSE ZONE / INCIDENT TYPE SERIES NAME (NFIRS)	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS	% OF THE TOAL CALLS
False Alarm & False Call	13	0.78%
Fire	5	0.30%
Good Intent	23	1.38%
Hazardous Condition	4	0.24%
Rescue & EMS	378	22.68%
Service Call	10	0.60%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	6	0.36%
Special Incident	2	0.12%
<b>District 3</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>10.74%</b>
False Alarm & False Call	7	0.42%
Fire	4	0.24%
Good Intent	15	0.90%
Rescue & EMS	144	8.64%
Service Call	6	0.36%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.06%
Special Incident	2	0.12%
<b>District 4</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>11.46%</b>
False Alarm & False Call	17	1.02%
Fire	5	0.30%
Good Intent	15	0.90%
Hazardous Condition	3	0.18%
Rescue & EMS	143	8.58%
Service Call	4	0.24%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	2	0.12%
Special Incident	2	0.12%
<b>District 5</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>8.46%</b>
False Alarm & False Call	2	0.12%
Fire	7	0.42%
Good Intent	17	1.02%
Hazardous Condition	5	0.30%
Rescue & EMS	106	6.36%
Service Call	1	0.06%

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RESPONSE ZONE / INCIDENT TYPE SERIES NAME (NFIRS)	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS	% OF THE TOAL CALLS
Special Incident	3	0.18%
<b>District 6</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>24.90%</b>
False Alarm & False Call	27	1.62%
Fire	7	0.42%
Good Intent	43	2.58%
Hazardous Condition	4	0.24%
Rescue & EMS	319	19.14%
Service Call	11	0.66%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.06%
Special Incident	3	0.18%
<b>District 7 - CFD County Coverage Area</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>6.12%</b>
False Alarm & False Call	8	0.48%
Fire	30	1.80%
Good Intent	22	1.32%
Hazardous Condition	4	0.24%
Rescue & EMS	31	1.86%
Service Call	4	0.24%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.06%
Special Incident	2	0.12%
<b>ESN 403 Gilt Edge</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.18%</b>
Fire	2	0.12%
Good Intent	1	0.06%
<b>ESN 404 Garland</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.12%</b>
Fire	1	0.06%
Good Intent	1	0.06%
<b>ESN 407 Brighton Outside City</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0.66%</b>
Fire	6	0.36%
Good Intent	3	0.18%
Rescue & EMS	2	0.12%
<b>ESN 408 Brighton City Limit</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.12%</b>
Good Intent	1	0.06%
Rescue & EMS	1	0.06%

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RESPONSE ZONE / INCIDENT TYPE SERIES NAME (NFIRS)	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS	% OF THE TOAL CALLS
<b>ESN 409 Three Star</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.12%</b>
Good Intent	2	0.12%
<b>ESN 410 Mason Outside City</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.18%</b>
Fire	2	0.12%
Rescue & EMS	1	0.06%
<b>ESN 412 Charleston</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.42%</b>
Fire	3	0.18%
Good Intent	2	0.12%
Rescue & EMS	2	0.12%
<b>Outside of Tipton County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.06%</b>
Fire	1	0.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1667</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Description:** A report of all calls by type

## 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	\$79,125.00
2025	\$75,675.00

Total: \$1,243,680.00



## Fire Inspector Report

This report outlines the activities and contributions of the Fire Inspector for the time frame of (July 25, 2025 - August 22, 2025), highlighting key inspections and assistance provided to ensure public safety and regulatory compliance.

*Currently, I am continuing the weekly meetings with Fire Marshal Tommy Smith at the Elementary & Middle School project to complete a construction walk-around with the General Contractor. Radio Checks throughout the building are conducted during these Inspections.*

### **Fire Inspections:**

12 Annual Fire Inspections completed. These inspections are crucial for identifying fire hazards, ensuring fire safety measures are in place, and promoting compliance with fire safety regulations.

### **Plans Review:**

- 2 Plans Review for new construction and/or renovations. This process verifies that construction documents comply with fire, life safety, and building codes.
- 1 Sprinkler Plans Review.
- 4 On-site Construction Progress Inspections: Above Ceiling - Oak Row, Elem./Middle School, Country Club, new Codes Dept.

### **Business Fire & Life Safety Inspections for Certificate of Occupancy or Permits:**

Completed 7 inspections of businesses aimed at ensuring Fire and Life Safety measures were in place before opening to the public and/or allowing for beer permits.

### **Emergency Calls/Operations:**

- Performed/attended 5 emergency calls for assistance, water leaks, complaints and/or Knox box calls.

### **Meetings/Education/Certification:**

- Planning Commission
- Classwork on Fire Officer III
- 2024 IBC Significant Changes
- 2024 IFC Significant Changes
- Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance
- Shift Tour- 797 Distillery (Pre-Plan)

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## INVITATION TO BID: 09/11/2025

The City of Covington Fire Department at 101 Tennessee Ave. Covington Tn. 38019 is seeking bids for loose fire equipment --

### Category:

### Loose Fire Equipment Engine-3

**Bid Opening Date:** 09/25/2025.

**Bid Opening Time:** 2:00 P.M.

**Bid Opening Location:** Covington Fire Department 101 Tennessee Ave. Covington TN, 38019

Bid List/Specification can be obtained at the Covington Fire Department 101 Tennessee Ave. Covington Tn.38019, during normal business hours Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. (901) 476-2578.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 pm on Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, when at such time they will be publicly opened. The bid opening will take place at The Covington Fire Department, 101 Tennessee Ave. Covington TN, 38019. Bid envelopes shall be sealed and marked on the outside "Sealed Bid: Loose Equipment", to avoid premature opening. Bids must be in the same envelope and marked correctly. Each line item will be evaluated and awarded.

The City of Covington reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all or any portion of any bid and to waive any informality in the bid process. The City of Covington is an equal opportunity employer, drug-free workplace with policies of non-discrimination based on race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or military service

Description	Model	Brand	Quan	Shipping est.	Price Each	Total Cost
2 1/2" Hydrant Valve	HBV25-H52	Kochek	2			
2 1/2" Double Female Coupling	35R2525	Kochek	2			
1 1/2" Double Female Coupling	35R1515	Kochek	2			
1 1/2" Double Male Coupling	36R1515	Kochek	2			
2 1/2" Double Male Coupling	36R2525	Kochek	2			
Gated Wye, 2.5" to 1.5" x 1.5"	26K1525-H52	Kochek	1			
Pump Intake Valve, 6" Female	ABD8NX-NX	TFT	1			
2.5" Female to 1.5" Male Reducer	37R2515	Kochek	2			
4" Storz to 2.5" Male Threaded	S36S425	Kochek	1			
5" Storz to 2.5" Male Threaded	S36S525	Kochek	1			
5" Storz to 2.5" Female Threaded	S37S525-H52	Kochek	1			
2 1/2"Female to 1 1/2" Male Reducer	37R2515-H52	Kochek	1			
2 1/2"Female to 1" Male Reducer	37R251-H52	Kochek	1			
2 1/2"Female to 1" Male Reducer	37R251-H52	Kochek	1			
5' to 4' Storz		Kocheck	1			
4" Storz to 2 1/2" Female	S37S425-H52	Kochek	1			
4" Storz to 6" Female Threaded	S37S46	Kochek	1			
2.5 playpipe with shutoff/ stacked tips			1			
4" Storz to 6" Male Threaded	S36S45	Kochek	3			
5" Storz to 6" Female Threaded	S37S56-H52	Kochek	1			

Brushless Cordless 1/4 in. Impact Driver	18V	Milwaukee	1			
Brushless Cordless Oscillating Multi-Tool	18V	Milwaukee	1			
Compact 12 in. Cordless Chainsaw	18V	Milwaukee	1			
Brushless Cordless 9 in. Cut-Off Saw	18V	Milwaukee	1			
Battery powered blower	18V	Milwaukee	1			
Milwaukee 18 volt fuel battery	18V	Milwaukee	12			
Brushless Compact Reciprocating Saw	18V	Milwaukee	1			

6" Drafting Elbow - View Alternatives	KOC-KEP6L6-B90-KBR	Kochek	1			
6" Low Level Drafting Strainer	LL60-P07-P18	Kochek	1			

**ALL HOSE WILL BE COMBAT MERCEDES exception 5' supply**

1 3/4" x 10' Pony Section, blue			1			
1 3/4" x 10' Pony Section, green			1			
1 3/4" x 50' Preconnect, blue			4			
1 3/4" x 50' Preconnect, green			4			
2 1/2" x 50' Preconnect, red			4			
2 1/2" x 50' Supply Hose, Yellow			10			
5' x 100' LDH Hose, rubberized jacket			12			

D Handle 4' Pike Pole	PLY-4AH-D	Leatherhead Tools	1			
PRO-BAR 30	PB- 30	Firehooks Unlimited	2			
TNT Tool	TN630-Y	Leatherhead Tools	1			
Storz Spanner Set	K01-P09	Kochek	1			

Rubber Mallet			1			
28 inch collapsable orange traffic cones			5			
5 Gallon water cooler			1			
Safety vest			4			
Large Bolt Cutter			1			
D handle scoop			1			
Shovel			1			
Push broom			1			
Leverage bar			1			

4 Gas Meter	ALTAIR 4XR	MSA	1			
Explosive Leak Detector	Leakator 10	Bacharach	1			

Portable Scene Light II	46000	Streamlight	2			
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1 1/2" TFT Nozzle		TFT	5			
1 1/2" TFT Shutoff		TFT	5			
2 1/2" TFT Nozzle		TFT	2			
2 1/2" TFT Shutoff		TFT	2			
Blitzfire Portable Monitor, 500Gpm	XXC-53-NH1	TFT	1			
Foam cup nozzle		TFT	1			
Bresnen 2.5 nozzle			1			
LDH 2 man hose roller		TFT	1			
Bresnen 1.5 nozzle			1			
1 1/1/2" Piercing Nozzle w/ Shutoff	906-K	Flamefighter	1			

LZ Lights, 6 Flare Set	HSFK-16R	HSG	1			
Thermal imaging Camera	K55	FLIR	1			

PPV Fan, MILWAUKEE 28 VOLT	V18-BL-SP	Super Vac	1			
MILWAUKEE Batteries		MILWAUKEE	4			

ResponderReady Toolbox		Munford				
Husky Heavy Duty Salvage Cover 12x14 RED	Vinyl	Husky	2			

GENESIS SC385-SL3 w/ battery	ART110215.2	GENESIS	1			
Genesis s54-si3 eforce (32) w /battery	ART.109.173.5	GENESIS	1			
Genesis eforce ram 22-54 w/battery	ART.107.834.2	Genesis	1			
Milwaukee Battery	50-11-2855	28 volt 5ah	3			
Zoll AED-Plus w/case and batteries		Zoll	1			
5 Year adult/child pads		Zoll	2			
5- Year Infant Pads		Zoll	1			
MSA G1 FACEPIECE	10156459	MSA	4			
MSA-CYLINDER 4500 PSI	10175708	MSA	8			
MSA-G1 SCBA	A-GIFS422	MSA	4			
Windshield Cutter, 14.4v	RWC-2.1	Rhino	1			



## OSHA Compliance Director Report

Over the last month, I have worked with Human Resources and the Safety Committee to thoroughly address Safety and Health issues within the city. The Safety Council meeting was conducted on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 1:30 PM in the City Hall Basement Conference Room. HR Director Bumpus and I discussed several issues on safety compliance.

- 1) Discussions were held to address a couple of close-call incidents and personnel injuries that happened due to safety issues and the way work efforts were being performed.
- 2) There was discussion on City-owned buildings that had fire safety systems (Fire Alarms, Smoke Detectors, and Fire Suppression) and back-up generators. I discussed with the committee how/when we are conducting tests for these systems.
- 3) Continued discussion on the sweltering heat in the area and how to increase awareness and combat heat injuries.
- 4) Insp. Thigpen provided the Committee with a Fire Extinguisher Training class.
- 5) Insp. Thigpen, along with Director Markley, provided employees from Parks & Rec and the Museum with a Fire Extinguisher class and simulated training on fire extinguisher use.

**Conclusion:** I attest that my efforts have significantly contributed to public safety by conducting essential fire inspections, ensuring compliance with fire and life 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. Keeping the community and our employees out of harm's way is the mission. I have also addressed many health and safety issues with the City of Covington personnel to ensure workplace safety and support a healthier workforce.

Russell Thigpen  
Fire Inspector/OSHA Compliance Director



# ★ 9/11 ★ MEMORIAL

📅 September 11, 2025

📍 Brighton City Park

🕒 7:30 am



REMEMBER AND HONOR

Photo

*Subject:* Vehicle: SPAR VA4  
*Taken:* 07/28/2025 11:08

*Lat./Long.:*  
*Taken By* M. Dowell



Photo

Subject: Vehicle: SPAR VA4  
Taken: 07/28/2025 11:08

Lat./Long.:  
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Photo

Subject: Crash Scene Photo (not diagram)  
Taken: 07/28/2025 11:08

Lat./Long.:  
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Narrative

On July 28, 2025, at approximately 1100 hours, Officer Dowell responded to 101 Tennessee Avenue (Fire Station One) in reference to a motor vehicle crash involving a fire department vehicle. Upon arrival, Officer Dowell made contact with Firefighter Dwain Edwards, the driver of Engine 2. Mr. Edwards stated he was backing Engine 2 onto the property to clear the roadway in front of the fire station when the vehicle sideswiped a fire hydrant located on the premises. The collision resulted in damage to the rear passenger side of the fire truck. There were no injuries reported, and no other vehicles were involved. There is no further information at this time.





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26 August 2025

## Public Safety Committee Meeting Law Enforcement Agenda

July 2025

- **Personnel**
- **Training**
- **Monthly Activity**
- **Press Releases**
- **Major Expenses**
- **Statistical Graphs and Totals**
- **Seizure Updates**
- **Policy Review and Approval**
- **Traffic Surveys**

### Personnel

July - August staffing changes – With budget reductions, CPD budgeted positions now 37 from 38 and recent hirings, CPD currently has **1 vacant position**. Applications being accepted.

**Officer Jeffery Prater** has returned to light duty as the desk officer at the PD after an on-the-job injury (OJI). **Officer Prater** has been accepted to the September Basic Certification Class at TLETA. Orientation is 05 October 2025.

**Officer Michael Hammond** has been submitted for the September TLETA Basic Academy, approval pending.

**Officer Colbin Tyson** has been submitted for the January 2026 TLETA Basic Academy, approval pending.

**Officer Gary Gill** was rehired in the Patrol Division.

**Lt Rodney McCurry** has been reassigned to lead the Patrol Division.

**Lt Sarah Dillingham** has been reassigned to lead the Community Policing Division.

**Officer James Barnes** has been appointed as the K9 handler for Arko.

### **Training**

07/06 – 09/26 -**Officer Cameron Johnson, and Officer Jeremy Avant** are currently attending Basic Certification Class at TLETA and are set to graduate 26 September.

07/07 – 08/22 – The New Recruit training class is being conducted with **current staff and new personnel** requiring certifications in all aspects of police tactics.

07/11 – CPD staff attended Firearm Simulator Training at the Atoka PD. The training provides staff with interactive decision-making training related to calls for service.

07/18 – **Officer Woodard** attended Drug Interdiction Techniques Training Denmark, TN where he attended a one-day course for patrol officers and supervisors who want to become more effective in detecting, apprehending, and documenting the arrest of criminals including drug users, drug traffickers, fugitives, gang members and even terrorists.

07/24 – **Lt McCurry, Sgt Templeton, and Senior Analyst Stubblefield** attended an Earthquake Preparedness Workshop hosted by the University of Memphis to Identify risk, develop a plan, and take action all in preparation for earthquake preparedness.

07/28 – 07/30 – **Detective Jordan Isbell** attended Undercover Female Officer Training. The training was hosted by ROCOC Training Center in Nashville. The training provided safe techniques for female officers when in undercover assignments.

- 07/30 – **All CPD staff** attended a mandatory meeting at the Covington DSCC Naifeh Center auditorium hosted by Judge M.O. Eckel, III for updates on Court procedures, and new laws.
- 07/31 – **Lt. Avery, Senior Analyst Stubblefield, and Analyst Hibbitts** the NDCAC and the El Paso Police Department presented "Gathering Evidence from Today's Communication Technologies" (Virtual) and best practices for working with modern internet communication services.

### **Monthly Activity**

- 07/01 – CID and Command Staff attended a meeting with Broadmeadows Apartments staff on current issues and responses to calls and crimes.
- 07/02 – Chief Turner and Department Heads attended Lunch with the Mayor hosted by the Cellar.
- 07/03 – Chief Turner attended the Monthly Special Events Committee Meeting.
- 07/04 – 06 – The Patrol Division conducted THSO Traffic Enforcement Saturations across Covington.
- 07/07 – New hires first day at CPD Welcome Aboard!!!
- 07/07 – Chief Turner Department Head monthly meeting.
- 07/16 – Community Policing Division provided staff to attend the Career Day at the Boys and Girls Club.
- 07/16 – CPD staff attended ADAG Walt Freeland's Retirement Reception at the CJC Circuit Court Room.
- 07/16 – CPD Command Staff attended a Safety Meeting at the Workwear Outfitters Warehouse.
- 07/19 – CPD conducted the District 1 Trash Clean up Detail at the Boys and Girls Club.
- 07/22 – Analyst Stubblefield and Analyst Hibbitts attended a Regional ROCIC Orientation Meeting in Memphis.
- 07/22 – Chief Turner and representatives from other Tipton County law enforcement agencies and the Courts spoke on a panel at Law Enforcement Night at the Tipton County Republican Meeting at Atoka City Hall.
- 07/28 – Officer Gary Gill's first day! Welcome back!!
- 07/28 – Lt Avery, Analyst Hibbitts attended a TIBRS Meeting with TBI staff at CID.
- 07/29, 07/31 – CPD Staff attended four Red Sand Project Events related to Human Trafficking Awareness Month.
- 07/30 – CPD staff attended the Tipton County Prayer Gathering at the Civic Center sponsored by Senator Paul Rose and Representative Debra Moody.
- 07/31 – Chief Turner, Juvenile Court staff and Community Leaders attended a Boys and Girls Club "G.A.N.G" Awareness meeting hosted by Director Ed Doyle.

### **Monthly Press Releases:**

07/07 Catalytic Confrontation: Fourth of July Weekend Ends with a Bang!  
07/16 Arrest made: Suspect found himself "up a creek" after his crimes in Town Creek  
07/30 Domestic Call Unfolds Dirty Laundry – Fugitive Found Under Clothes

**July** THSO alert and safety messages – 2

**July** Public Safety Alert bulletins – 17

**July** Traffic Alert bulletins – 2

### **July 2025 Major Expenses:**

110-42100-256 | Contract Services

PowerDMS \$6,909.39

### **Statistical Graphs and Totals:**

- Total calls for service: 2031
- Social Media Post Reach: 964,219
- Divisional Statistics including Patrol K9, SRO, and CID

### **July Seizure Updates:**

Vehicles seized: 0

Currency Seized: \$0

### **Traffic survey:**

Traffic trailer was placed in school zones on S. Main Street and Hwy 51 for school returning.

Public Works has posted 30 MPH signs on Holly Grove Road from Highway 51 to City Limits.

### **Policy Review and Approval**

Discussion of asbestos/lead abatement with Codes Department, Engineers, Park and Recreation and CPD staff related to next steps for S. College building – Park and Recreation fixtures on the property will be removed by Public Works and stored or relocated onto tennis court area for use. A walk through was conducted on preserving historical materials to construct a potential future project.

### **Additional Updates:**

Violent Crimes Intervention Grant (VCIF) Project – License plate readers arrived and being installed. Nic Shaw has installed two cameras on both sides of Highway 51. Testing in progress.

True Blue Electronic speed monitoring information packet is being provided the board. The electronic monitoring system is part of a pilot program in our school zone to determine the number of violators. The data collection devices were installed on 21<sup>st</sup> of August. The board will be updated with the data results at next month's Public Safety meeting and a representative from True Blue will be present at the meeting to answer questions.



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## PRESS RELEASE

### **\*For Immediate Release\***

#### **Catalytic Confrontation: Fourth of July Weekend Ends with A Bang!**

On 06 July 2025, at approximately 9:30 PM, Covington Police Department Officers responded to an Aggravated Assault complaint in the 100 block of Ervin Lane. While on the scene, CPD officers made contact with the victim who was suffering from a large amount of blood loss.

The victim advised CPD officers he was having a verbal dispute with his roommate, **Robriegus Moore, 34, of Covington, Tennessee**. According to the victim, during the argument, Moore became upset and threw a catalytic converter at him causing an injury. CPD officers observed a gash to the left side of the back of his head consistent with his statement. The victim was transported to Baptist-Tipton Hospital in stable condition.

CPD Officers made contact with Moore and determined Moore as the primary aggressor. A contributing factor to the incident was alcohol consumption. Moore was arrested and transported to the Tipton County Jail, where he is being held on a \$75,000.00 bond. Moore is slated to appear before Tipton County General Sessions Court Judge M.O. Eckel III on 08 July 2025.

"We responded to numerous calls for fireworks exploding across the city over the Fourth of July Weekend but this case resulted in a serious injury." said Chief Donna Turner "Sadly emotions were exploding as well. We are glad that the victim remains in stable condition."

This case remains under investigation, and anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Covington Police Department Criminal Investigations Division at 901-475-1261. Tips can be sent through Facebook messenger Covington TN Police Department or the City of Covington website.



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## PRESS RELEASE

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#### **Arrest made: Suspect found himself "up a creek" after his crimes in Town Creek.**

In the early morning hours of 11 April 2025, Covington Police Department officers received two (2) reports of auto burglaries in the Town Creek area. Two unlocked vehicles were rummaged through, though no items have been reported missing at this time.

The suspects were captured on home surveillance video and Detectives released the photographs of the suspects and the vehicle they used during the burglaries. During the course of the investigation, detectives determined that the suspects involved had stolen a vehicle out of Lauderdale County and used it to travel to Covington to commit their crimes.

The driver of the stolen vehicle, **Kwinton Purifoy, 18, of Ripley, TN** has since been apprehended in Ripley and has admitted to his role in the Covington burglaries. Purifoy has been charged with Criminal Trespass and Burglary in Covington along with several felony charges out of Lauderdale County. Purifoy is being held on a \$40,000 bond at the Lauderdale County Jail. Purifoy has a pending court date in Tipton County once he faces his current charges. The investigation remains ongoing and detectives expect additional suspects to be charged in the cases. Authorities urge residents to lock their vehicles and remove valuables to help prevent future incidents.

"Our Detectives and Analysts worked closely with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office detectives in solving these crimes. The suspect will face charges in both counties for their choices to break the law" said Chief Donna Turner "This is a great example of home security cameras being used to help us to help our citizens protect their community."

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Covington Police Department Investigations Division at 901-475-1261 or message through Facebook messenger.



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## PRESS RELEASE

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#### **Domestic Call Unfolds Dirty Laundry – Fugitive Found Under Clothes**

On Wednesday 30 July 2025, at approximately 10:15 am, Officers with the Covington Police Department responded to a report of a domestic violence incident at Broadmeadows Place Apartments located at Peeler Road in Covington, TN. Upon arrival, Officers were advised that the suspect had fled the scene prior to their arrival. Further investigation revealed the suspects identity as a **17-year-old juvenile from Memphis** who is currently a fugitive out of Shelby County on multiple active felony warrants.

The outstanding charges include attempted first-degree murder in the perpetration of a felony, especially aggravated robbery, attempted especially aggravated robbery, aggravated assault, theft of property, and evading arrest. Due to the violent nature of the charges, additional resources were mobilized. The CPD Investigations Unit Analysts and Detectives began an immediate effort to track the suspect's movements.

Surveillance footage from the area was reviewed and confirmed possible locations where the suspect may have fled. Detectives and Patrol Officers canvassed the apartment complex and were able to pinpoint an apartment believed to be harboring the individual. Upon conducting a search of the residence, Officers located the fugitive hiding under a pile of clothing to allude capture. He was taken into custody without further incident. The 17-year-old fugitive is facing formal charges of domestic assault in Covington. He will face the Shelby County felony charges first and then be released to Tipton County for arraignment later in August.

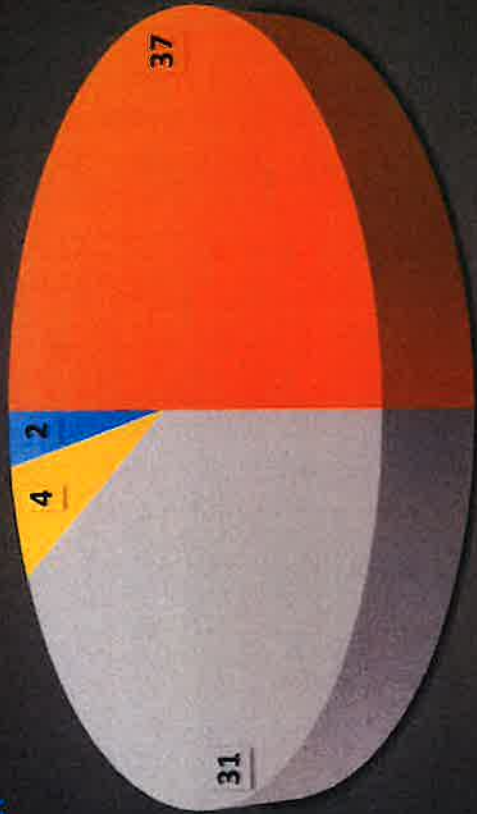
The resident of the apartment where the fugitive was arrested was identified as **Romeisha Whitelow, 34, of Covington** was arrested and charged with Accessory After the Fact for her role in harboring the fugitive. She was transported to Tipton County Jail and is being held on a \$25,000 bond. She is slated to appear in Tipton County General Sessions Court on 07 August 2025.

"I commend the swift coordination between Patrol Officers, Criminal Analysts, and Detectives, whose teamwork and vigilance led to the safe apprehension of a dangerous fugitive.", said Chief Donna Turner, "The case remains under investigation and additional charges may be forthcoming. Detectives are working closely with other jurisdictions that may have connections to the fugitive in other cases. This is an example of how you can run but you can't "TIDE"

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# Personnel

- Personnel
- Positions
- Sworn
- Not Sworn
- Openings



# Fleet

16  
14  
12  
10  
8  
6  
4  
2  
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Cars



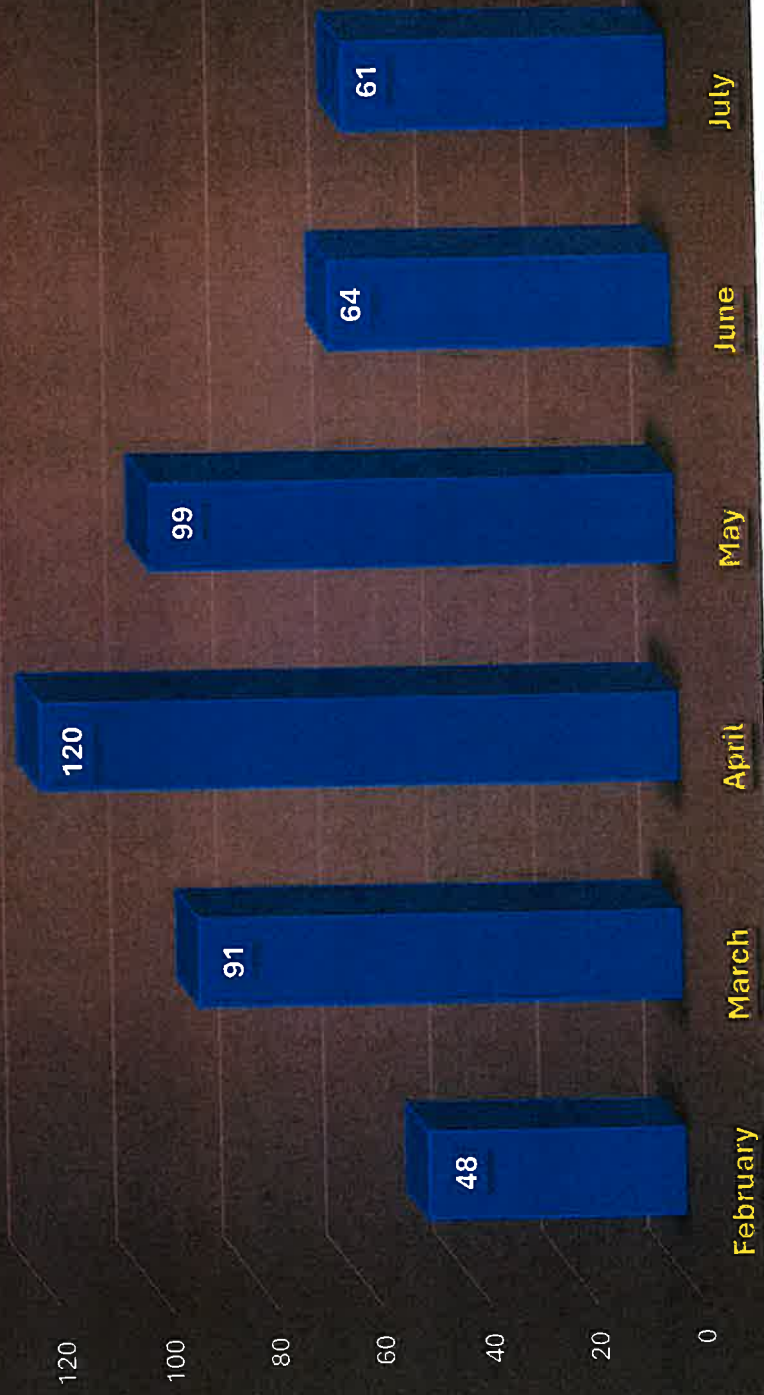
SUV's



Trucks



# Number of Arrests



### Traffic Citations



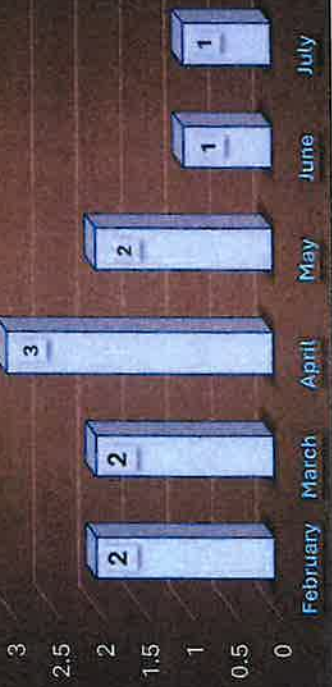
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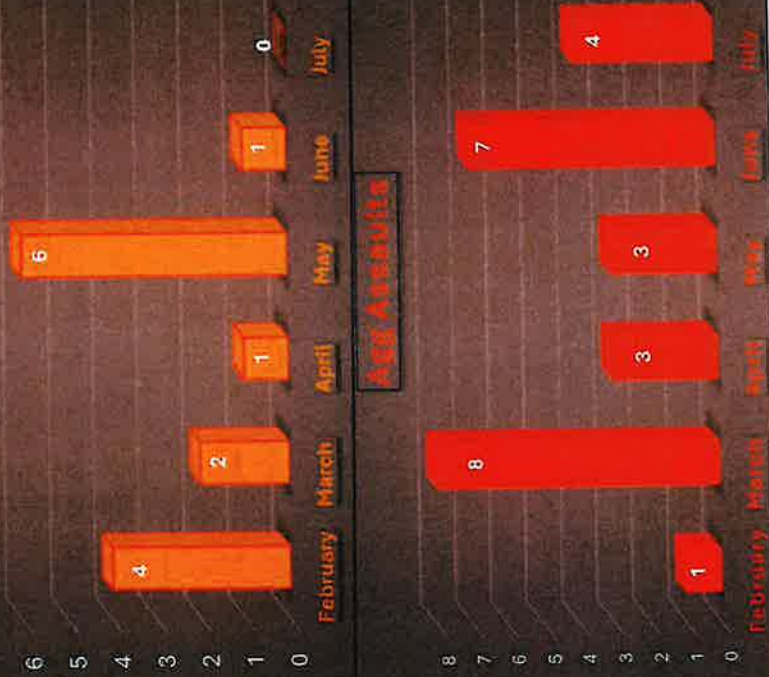
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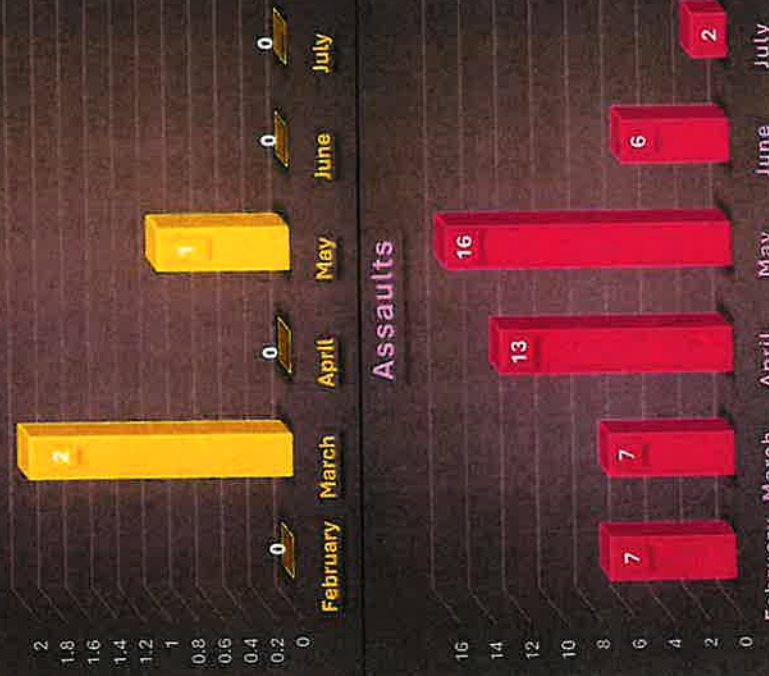
### Poss. of a Firearm



### Burglary



### Robbery



### Agg Assaults



### Assaults

