

Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Co.





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A Panasonic Toughbook laptop is mounted on a fire truck dashboard. The laptop screen displays a software interface with various icons and text. A yellow light is shining on the screen. To the right of the laptop, a green and black radio is mounted on a vertical pole. The background shows the interior of the fire truck, including a window and some equipment. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the yellow light on the laptop screen.

Bay Creek Fire Update

Chief Jay Bell

- Response Times
- On Scene after action report
- Things that went well
- Things that could have gone better



By the Numbers 2025:

- Number of Calls: 254
- In 2025 42% of the calls were within the Town Limits.
- 2025 saw a 6% reduction in calls down from 270 calls in 2024

By the Numbers 2026 To date:

- Number of calls through Feb 7th in 2025: 11
- Number of Calls through Feb 7th: 35(3x increase)

By the Numbers 2025 Financials(Income):

Donations	\$13,744.00
Fundraising	\$111,991.00
Northampton County Yearly Contribution	\$100,000.00
Northampton County Cigarette Tax	\$42,000.00
Town Of Cape Charles-Yearly Contribution	\$75,000.00
Town of Cape Charles-Permit Fees	\$17,548.00
Northampton County Fire rescue commission	\$2,489.00
Sale of Brush truck	\$3,600.00
American water	\$1,000.00
Total	\$367,372.00

By the Numbers 2025 Financials(Large Expenses):

Roof Replacement	\$82,000.00
Loan Payment 15-3	\$48,000.00
Loan Payment Tanker 15-7	\$12,000.00
Comprehensive/Liability Insurance	\$24,000.00
Workers Comp	\$5,500.00
Supplemnetal Workers comp	\$3,650.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$26,000.00
Replacement Tires	\$7,500.00
Matheny Fire(Hose and loose eq for 15-3)	\$33,000.00
New turnout gear/helmets	\$9,500.00
Total	\$251,150.00



Capital Expenses 2025

New Roof-Completed(\$80K)

New Extrication Tools-Completed(\$90K)

Drainage back of Station-In Process

Capital Projects Moving Forward.

Projects on hold until SCBA replacement is finalized

SCBA Replacement(Air Packs)(\$200K)

Replacement of Tanker 15-8(TBD)

Replacement of Air compressor for SCBA Bottles(72K)

Update/paint Outside of Station(50K-70K)

SCBA Replacement-Planned
Cost \$200,000+(estimated)

Current packs are over 18 years old and per NFPA guidelines recommended replacement was at year 15

Applying for FEMA aid to Firefighter Grant
Professional grant writer hired

One Chance to apply 2026!!!

As of May 2027 packs will no longer eligible for certification



Tanker 15-8 Replacement-Planned
Cost \$300,000+(estimated)

Tanker 15-8's trailer and pump were built in 1979
Parts are hard to find or not available for fire pump
Currently listed for sale
Once sold will look for a used 3,000-3,500 gallon tanker



SCBA Tank Compressor-Planned
Cost \$72,000+(estimated)

Current Compressor is 20 years old
Compressor has failed 2 times in 2025
Compressor has been repaired, but parts are no longer available



Update outside of building-Planned
Cost \$75,000+(estimated)

Outside of station hasn't been updated since 1990's

Concept



Current

Planned Development Bay Creek

Planning Together for safe, Responsible emergency response in Bay Creek.

- We support Bay Creek's continued growth and the benefits it brings to the community
- As development evolves, public safety planning and equipment needs to evolve alongside it
- Our goal is simple: align emergency response capability with building scale
- If we build higher (5 stories / ~65') and bigger → we need a documented aerial response plan (and/or aerial capability), plus validated access & staging
 - Currently, the only aerial in Northampton County is operated by Cheriton. It responded to the Bay Creek fire, but experienced a mechanical failure on scene and was not operational. On the day of that incident, the next closest available aerial resource was from Chincoteague, with an estimated response time of approximately 1.5 hours.
 - If we build denser → we need stronger water supply + hydrant coverage, and clear fire lanes
 - If we build larger footprints / more complex sites → we need verified apparatus access, turning radius, and pre-plans before occupancy

Bottom line: Growth works best when safety planning is built in early—so projects move forward smoothly and the community stays protected.

Planned Development Bay Creek

New 5-Story (65') Condos: A chance to Plan Ahead

- Proposed 5-story / ~65-foot buildings are a meaningful step up in response complexity
- At this height, the safety plan typically includes aerial capability (ladder truck or a documented aerial response plan), plus validated access, staging, and water supply
- Regional aerial availability is currently limited and not always reliable, so planning needs redundancy:
 - clear response plan (primary/secondary aerial resources + realistic response expectations)
 - confirmed apparatus access and setup space
 - water supply capable of supporting extended operations
- Collaboration (forward-looking, constructive):
 - We're hopeful and looking forward to partnering with the Developer, Northampton County, and the Town to align the project design with practical emergency response needs early—so there are no surprises later

Practical Next Steps: Securing a Reliable Aerial Device for our Response Area

- With no consistently reliable local aerial resource, our priority is building a redundant, dependable aerial strategy that matches our response area
- We're looking forward to working with the Developer, Town, and County on a clear path forward

Proposed steps (actionable + collaborative):

- 1) Convene a joint working session (Developer + Town + County + Fire/EMS)
Confirm response area needs, access points, fire lanes, and staging zones early in design
- 2) Document an aerial response plan for our response area
Identify primary + secondary aerial resources, dispatch procedures, and realistic response expectations
Validate access routes, turning radii, and apparatus setup locations on the site plan
- 3) Confirm water supply can support extended operations
Hydrant spacing and flow verification / water supply assessment tied to the project footprint and height
- 4) Create pre-plans before occupancy
Site maps, standpipe/FDC locations (if applicable), key access points, staging, and incident action options
- 5) Establish a funding/partnership pathway for a reliable aerial solution
Explore options such as shared funding, dedicated public safety contributions tied to development, grants, or a regional agreement that ensures dependable aerial coverage.
As of today an aerial will cost between \$2M-\$2.5M and take around 3 years to build.



Questions?

