

NVFD Annual Chiefs Report

August 25, 2025

During FY 2024-2025 the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department responded to 211 calls for service.

49- Fire Emergencies

22- Hazardous Conditions

19- Good Intent Calls

2- Severe Weather Incidents

67- Rescue & EMS Incidents

10- Service Calls

42- False Alarms

The 2024-2025 Departmental Statistics are:

1,655 - Staff hours from dispatch to Incident completion

2,195 - Staff hours of non-incident departmental activities

1,651 - Staff hours of Training

5,501 - Total recorded staff hours logged by NVFD personnel in FY 2024-2025

It is my honor to present this year's annual report on behalf of your volunteer fire department. Each year, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to live in a community where neighbors take care of one another, and this past year has been no exception.

Our department responded to 211 calls for service. These calls covered a wide range of emergencies: structure fires, brush fires, motor vehicle accidents, medical assists, hazardous conditions, and false alarms. Each call is important, because at that moment, someone in our town or a nearby community needed help. Our members were there, ready to respond, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in every season and all kinds of weather.

In addition to responding to emergencies, our members contributed 5,501 hours of service this year. These hours go far beyond just emergency calls—they include training, maintaining equipment, attending meetings, completing certifications, and participating in community events. Training is especially critical. Firefighting is dangerous work, and it takes ongoing practice to stay safe and effective. Our volunteers spend many evenings and weekends sharpening their skills, so they are prepared for whatever situations we face.

The fact that this department is made up entirely of volunteers is something of which I am deeply proud. Every hour given is time away from family, work, or rest, yet our members step forward without hesitation. Their dedication reflects the true spirit of volunteerism—neighbors helping neighbors.

This year also brought exciting progress toward one of the most important projects in our department's history: the planning and development of a new fire station. Our current facility has served us well, but it no longer meets the demands of today's fire service. A new station will provide safer working conditions, proper space for our vehicles and equipment, and room for training and community use. While the station has not yet been built, we have taken important steps forward in planning, design, and preparation. This is a major undertaking, and we are grateful for the strong support of the town and its residents as we all move closer to making this goal a reality.

We are also thankful for the many ways the community supports us day to day. Whether it is attending our fundraisers, contributing financially, offering words of encouragement, or simply pulling to the side of the road when you see our trucks responding, your support makes a difference. We could not do this without you.

Looking ahead, we will continue to focus on training, safety, and preparedness. We also welcome new members—if you have ever thought about becoming a volunteer firefighter, cadet, or support member, now is an exciting time to step forward. There is a place for everyone, and serving your community is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have.

In closing, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the men and women of the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department for their service, and to all of you in the community for your continued support. Together, we make our town a safe and caring place to live.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Hutchins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

Brian Hutchins

Fire Chief

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Annual Meeting
Aug. 25, 2025

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

There were 29 members present.

He asked for a moment of silence for our past deceased members.

Chief Brian Hutchins read he annual report.

Department elections were held.

New officers are:

President – Paul Padua

Vice President – Martyn Banks

Secretary – Judy Ludwig

Treasurer – Angela Hutchins

Fire Chief (car 1) – Brian Hutchins

1st Asst. Chief (car 2) – Matthew Ludwig

2nd Asst. Chief (car 3) – Steve Hutchins

Captain (car 4) – Justin Zarzycki

Lieutenant (car 5) – Maki Listorti

Lieutenant (car 6) – Brad Funk

Exterior Officer (car 7) – Ted Hinman

EMS Captain (car 20) – Ashley Allyn

Mechanics – Gary Bottum, John Hutchins

Board of Trustees – Richard Byrne, Ken Ludwig, Todd Miller

Meeting adjourn at 7:35.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary