

BULLOCH COUNTY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

October 2025 Report

Our People and What They Do!

At the end of October 2025, the BCFD budget for personnel consisted of:

- Chief
 - Chief of Training
 - Training Captain
 - Chief of Prevention
 - Fire Inspector
 - Administrative Specialist
 - 3 Battalion Chiefs
 - 3 career Captains
 - 18 career LTs (2 openings)
 - 21 career Fire Apparatus Operators (2 openings)
 - 21 career firefighters (1 opening)
 - 24 part-time firefighters (6 openings)
 - Volunteer Fire Coordinator
 - 2 volunteer Captains
 - 6 volunteer Lieutenants
 - 38 volunteer suppression firefighters
 - 4 volunteer support firefighters

In October 2025, BCFD responded to 439 calls. They include:

Calls By Incident Type	% Of Total Calls	Total Incidents
FIRES		
Total Fires	4.78	21
OVERPRESSURE RUPTURE, EXPLOSION, OVERHEAT (200's)	0.00	0
RESCUE CALLS		
Total Rescue Calls	76.31	335
Hazardous Condition Calls (400-482)	0.68	3
Service Calls (500-571)	3.64	16
Good Intent Calls (600-671)	9.35	41
SEVERE WEATHER & NATURAL DISASTER.....	0.00	0
FALSE CALLS and SPECIAL CALLS		
.....	5.24	23
TOTAL CALLS	100	439


Travel Time - Response Performance Enroute times to on scene first due engine on all calls average 9 minutes and 11 seconds on 370 calls where an engine arrived on scene.

More Than Just Calls!

ISO

- The FireFox Company pump tested all Class A pumpers per NFPA and ISO requirements. Career staff delivered all apparatus to Ag Arena for testing.
- 50 hydrants were flushed according to ISO compliance. Another 16 were flow tested.
- BCFD conducted 49 pre-fire plans in October.
- Two new engines arrived and awaiting equipment mounting.
- ISO survey was conducted on October 28, 2025. Additional information is being provided as needed and the waiting begins. .

Training

- The department had a combined 1,706 training hours in October 2025. This included ISO Facility, Company, Driver, Officer, Recruit and Hazardous Materials Training.
 - BCFD is currently teaching a volunteer Firefighter 1 class with 6 recruits participating. The class consists of 240 hours firefighting training and 48 hours Hazardous Materials training.
 - Bulloch County held 2 Apparatus Operator classes with 18 Firefighters in attendance
 - BCFD attended the Joint Fire Chief/Firefighter Conference in Forsyth with four in attendance. Two firefighters participated in HOT (Hands On Training) classes.
 - Bulloch County Fire Competition Team took 3rd place in the event “tight squeeze” at the State Conference in the firefighter games.
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- Firefighters attended the following classes in October: Pipeline Emergencies: Air Monitoring, Dynamics of Flashover, Rescue Before RIT, Smoke Alarm Installation Programs, Mental and Emotional Wellness, Water Can Confidence, Midrise and Waterhouse Operations, and VEIS for the Expanding Fireground among other online GFA classes and classes taught in Bulloch County.

Fire Prevention Efforts

- Personnel conducted seven public safety education classes and special events around Bulloch County. We gave out bags and firefighter hats to over 3,000 kids and adults in October including the Portal Turpentine Festival and having apparatus in two parades.
- Looking to continue our partnership with the Red Cross to install smoke alarms. In October, we installed 3 smoke alarms.
- Our Fire Prevention Division conducted 19 inspections.
- BCFD offers inspections, plan reviews, zoning reviews, and has discussed countless questions with contractors and building officials.


Grants

- We are working with JMCM Consulting to apply for the FY25 AFG for a new aerial.

Community Events

- Bulloch County Fire attended Touch a Truck events, Church Festivals, Career days at the school, Community Heroes days at the schools, and trunk or treat events at Greek Row and the Recreation Department.
- Fire department assisted EMA with a Long Term Healthcare Exercise and attended the Area 3 EMA meeting with EMA Director Kemp.

Upcoming Events and Needs

- Looking forward to finishing the addition in Brooklet at Station 7
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- Renovations at the Stilson station are almost complete.
- The new pumper tankers will arrive in February 2026.
- Need more apparatus ordered once the SPLOST is approved. (If approved)
- We look forward to new stations in need of fire protection in underserved areas of the county, especially those with Class 10 ISO ratings and those with extended response times. We already own the land on Hwy 119 North. We have a map from GIS showing the needed locations.
- Conducting volunteer and career firefighter classes as needed. A career class started November 10th.
- Need additional staffing for the Stilson Station.

In Conclusion!

The impact of a fire organization often goes unnoticed until someone needs us. This is especially true in public safety. The fire department is one of the only departments in local government that will save citizens money when more money is spent on it. When more stations and personnel are added, this will only contribute to lower insurance premiums for our citizens if we receive a favorable survey from ISO. Everything we do here at Bulloch County Fire Department is citizen focused to ensure we deliver the highest quality product we can with the resources we are given. We also strive to ensure all aspects of an ISO survey are being met year after year. Smoke alarms installed, teaching fire safety education, pre-fire plans, pump testing, hydrant testing, hose testing and training ensures that we, as a department, can receive all the points in our ISO survey that we deserve. All of this can only be delivered by a dedicated set of employees. Our paid and volunteer firefighters work hard each day to ensure all of this gets done. I hope this report will shed light on exactly what we do day to day. Thank you for your support in 2025 and beyond. As always, be SAFE out there!