

BUFFALO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Mr. Pierce:

The Buffalo VFD has received the notice letter requesting water usage, monthly. This will not be an issue for the Buffalo VFD, for in the past we reported yearly. I have included an attachment for November and December of 2021 as well as January, 2022 since the last time we reported was the end of October 2021. The Buffalo VFD does not train outside or use water for training in the winter months, and I am happy to report that the Buffalo VFD had no fires in the months of December and January that required water usage.

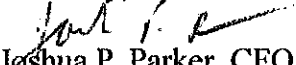
While the Buffalo VFD did not use water during this time others did, the new hydrant on Simper Road has been used without a meter. The use of hydrants without the proper tools has damaged some stems along Whites Farm Road. Shelby Highway and Young Grove Road hydrant has had a black bag on it since Halloween. The hydrant that had been destroyed on Blacksburg Highway has still not been replaced and completely removed by the Town of Blacksburg since being brought to the Town's attention in April of 2021.

As the new budget year approaches for the Town of Blacksburg, the Buffalo VFD again requests a hydrant be placed at the Main Station at 137 Blackwell Road. By having a hydrant at our main station, the Buffalo VFD can monitor its usage easier, keep others from using and/or damaging it, as well as our apparatus not being in the roadways and interfering with traffic. As stated at the public meeting in 2021, the Buffalo VFD is willing to assist in payment for this hydrant and considers it a priority for the Buffalo VFD this calendar year.

Also, attached is the letter from the study regarding the Dravo Road Waterline Corridor. The Buffalo VFD would like to request that the Town of Blacksburg reach out to the surrounding jurisdictions as the letter states to assist in this project. Cleveland County, North Carolina is not even a quarter of a mile from our third station on Dravo Road and South Carolina legislators continue talking about COVID relief funds to be used on improving rural water.

The Buffalo VFD looks forward to working with you and town council as needed on these very important projects. With the Buffalo VFD's district being outside the Town limits and realistically not having representation on council concerning water for the Buffalo VFD's district, our 25 members are willing to do whatever is necessary to assist the Town in any way if ever need, while keeping our community and zip code as safe as possible from the threat of fires.

Sincerely,


Joshua P. Parker, CFO
Chief Buffalo VFD