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45 units fight fire



Concord Volunteer Fire Department/Contributed

Shown is the scene of a brush fire that spread to multiple structures Sunday.

At 12:34 p.m. Sunday, Concord Volunteer Fire Department (Company 13) was dispatched to reports of a brush fire that spread into multiple structures.

According to the Appomattox Traffic and Awareness online news page, the large brush fire was off Archer Creek Road (off Stage Road).

First arriving units advised that approximately two acres were on fire and threatening a structure. While attempting to contain the fire, high winds pushed the fire into nearby structures, the fire department stated.

The call was upgraded to multiple working structure fires. Crews worked on scene for six hours putting the brush, house, shed, and car fires all out.

"Great work from all involved," the fire department stated. "Thank you to the multiple surrounding agencies involved."

Appomattox Traffic and Awareness stated that most surrounding counties assisted, so Lynchburg City covered Concord calls and Pamplin covered Appomattox.

There were 45 units on scene, according to the Concord Volunteer Fire Department:

- Company 13 with seven apparatuses

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4 high speed chases!

Bane among those arrested

Pursuant to an ongoing law enforcement investigation, Appomattox County Sheriff's Office deputies attempted to stop a wanted individual in the 6000 block of Richmond Highway (Route 460) at approximately midnight Friday.



Bane

The driver refused to stop and led deputies on a 15-minute chase through the area, according to the sheriff's office. The pursuit ended in a motor vehicle accident in the Town of Appomattox near the intersection of Church Street and Lee Grant Avenue.

The suspect, Carl Tyler Bane, 28, of Madison Heights, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Amherst County. Bane also was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

This investigation is ongoing, and additional charges are pending. Anyone with any information concerning this individual is encouraged to call investigators at 434-352-8241.

This was the fourth high-speed pursuit this week for the Appomattox County Sheriff's Office. In three of these incidents, illegally possessed firearms were recovered.

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FFA & First Responder Club team up for safety

CARTER SWANBERG
FFA Reporter

On March 15, the Appomattox Senior FFA and the Appomattox County High School First Responder Club held a joint meeting with the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department about the importance of farm safety.

There they simulated a tractor rollover.

According to the Department of Labor, tractor rollovers account for 44 percent of all tractor fatalities. The volunteer firefighters and First Responder Club members demonstrated how to safely extricate a mannequin from underneath the tractor.

Afterward, there was a power take off (PTO) shaft injury simulation using a bush hog. A straw scarecrow was drawn into the rotating PTO shaft.

According to the CDC, about 167 agricultural workers suffer a lost work time injury every day. Five percent of the injuries result in permanent impairment.

Each participant was reminded that safety is an

important attitude to incorporate into the agricultural lifestyle.

The Appomattox FFA would like to thank the

Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department for taking their time to teach high school students about farm safety.

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At right, Appomattox volunteer firefighters demonstrate how to use cribbing while stabilizing the flipped tractor during a Farm Safety Workshop on March 15. In the rear, Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief and First Responder Club Advisor Jonathan Garrett speaks with FFA members about safe use of agricultural tractors. Below, Appomattox Senior FFA and First Responder Club members observe a simulated PTO shaft injury during the workshop.



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