



Friday, August 6, 2021

Welcome to **five new firefighters who started with the Franklin Fire Department** this past Monday!



Tyler Pratt

Tyler is from Riverside, California. He enjoys hiking and exploring. Tyler previously worked for American Medical Response and received his B.A. in Business Management.

Aaron Blalock

Aaron is from Columbia, Tennessee. He is a graduate of Spring Hill High School. Aaron previously worked as a Firefighter for the Maury County Fire Department.

D'Angelo Jones

D'Angelo is from Franklin. He enjoys listening to music and spending time with his 2 sons. D'Angelo previously worked for Belmont University.

Denver Harris

Denver is from Franklin. He is married and has two dogs. Denver enjoys camping, hiking and has been a competitive gymnast for 20 years.

Yasir Alsaadiy

Yasir is from Murfreesboro. He enjoys playing and watching soccer...especially Barcelona. Yasir previously worked at a car dealership.



The state has recently credentialed its first inter-agency Special Operations Team of any kind – a **City of Franklin, City of Brentwood, and Williamson County Swift Water Team**. Emergency responders from all of these jurisdictions who are Swift Water Rescue Technicians, including those from both fire and police/sheriff’s departments, gathered in Franklin at the end of July to complete the credentialing process. These Franklin Firefighters represented the City of Franklin throughout the evaluation: **Battalion Chief**

Jonathan Jenkins, Capt. Michael Pardue, Lt.-P Dustin Anderson, Lt. Jeff Boggs, Lt. Jonathan Gill, Lt. Matt Stout, Eng.-P Joe Burwell, Eng. Paul Seltz, FF Jayce Pickle, and FF Rob Thomas. For deployment purposes, the credentialing system ensures that the team is adequately trained and skilled when requested by another jurisdiction to assist in a response operation.

In a separate Swift Water-related event, several other **Franklin Firefighters** recently returned from **Swiftwater Rescue 2 training**. It took place on the Ocoee and Hiwassee Rivers and included a nighttime boat operations exercise. Those who completed the training were **Lt. Andrew Ivey, FF-P Matt Anderson, FF Andrew Bowden, Eng. Kyle Garner, Lt. Charlene Forehand, and Eng.-P Blake Lobel**.

From the Human Resources Department:

The Human Resources Department is happy to announce starting **Today, August 2nd** we will begin accepting nominations for the **3rd Quarter** of the **Employee of the Quarter 2021 Program**. You can submit paper nominations by coming into the Human Resource Department within City Hall or via email by filling out the attached nomination form.

As a reminder, the guidelines are as follows:

- **Any employee** can be nominated
- HR will accept unlimited nominations during the nomination window for each quarter



- **Nomination forms** are attached and will be available on *Inside the City*
- **Two employees will be selected per quarter** by a committee made up of your peers!
- Completed nomination forms can be emailed to nomination@franklintn.gov

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 3rd Quarter is September 3rd!



Also, see attached flyer for an upcoming **tailgate event at Jim Warren on August 25 from 11am-2pm**. It will feature **food trucks, games and more** and the **City is picking up the tab!** More details to come!

We received a nice **thank you note** from a local citizen to the **Street Department and Storm Water Division**.

Good Morning Gentlemen: The purpose of my communication is to say thank you and the appreciation of the services performed by the Street and Storm Water Departments of the City of Franklin. In the past I have had a storm water issue and the City took action and resolved the problem. Now a second incident has happened and again the quick reaction time and taking care of the matter was nothing short of amazing.

*Casey Chrisman came out to evaluate the situation. The next day **Brian Goins and Justin Moran** came out to look over the area and to see how we were. The following day **Casey and Derrick McCord** came by to go over what needed to be done. Here it is Monday and **Brian and Justin** are here taking care of business.*

I would appreciate if you would pass this around to the proper Departments and individuals involved so they may receive the proper acknowledgement of a job well done and performed.

My wife and I have lived in Franklin since 1986 and have watched the City grow. I just hope that all the new families and businesses moving in will have a great appreciation of what this City and its team members do to make this a great city to live in.

Best Regards:--Jackie and Wayne Wilson, Grove Lane

If you were thinking about adopting a cat or kitty anytime soon, you may want to wait for our second annual **Kitty Hall event happening August 27th from 10:30-2:30** in the BNS conference room. The City is teaming up with the Williamson County Animal Center to bring plenty of available kittens and cats who need good homes.

Thank you to all who donated blood in our Remembering the Badges Blood Drive in honor of the **20th Anniversary of 9/11**. We collected **30 pints of blood** which will help up to **90 patients!** The next blood drive is in October.

Here is the COVID-19 case update for Thursday (8/5/21)

Key Changes:

Up 3,292 More positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (910,185 total positive cases)

Up 1,782 More active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (28,609 total active cases)

Up 121 More positive cases day over day in Williamson County (30,217 total positive cases)

Up 75 More active cases day over day in Williamson County (1,063 total active cases)

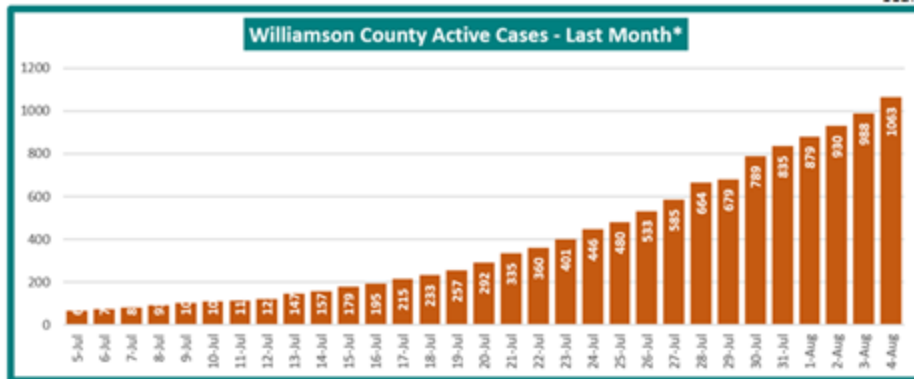
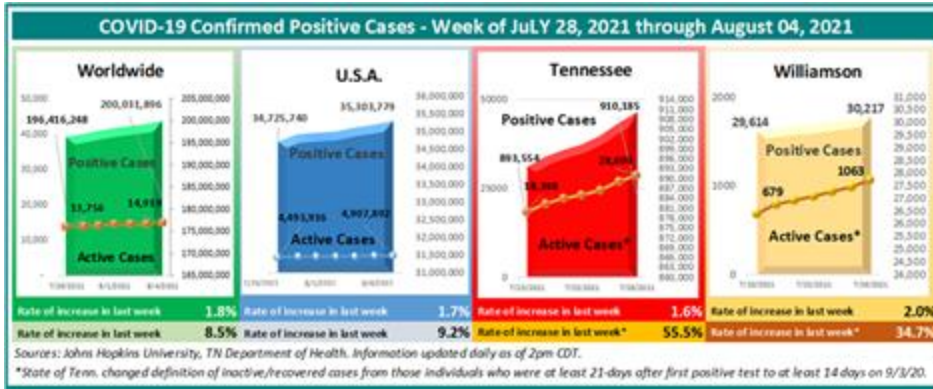
Level Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **3.3%**

Up Percent Positive / Total Tested at **11.49%**

Level Williamson County **Sixth** highest # of positive cases in Tennessee

Level **No New** deaths in Williamson County (**221** total deaths)





This weekend the Williamson County Fair begins at the AG Center. Tonight is Eat The Street Food Truck Event at Bicentennial Park, and also this weekend the Franklin Theatre will be celebrating it's 10 year anniversary since the renovation. Thanks to our team members working these events. That's it for now. Thanks for *all* you do!

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