



Chesterfield Fire and EMS [improved its Insurance Services Office rating](#) in FY2017, rising from the top 10 percent to the top 3 percent nationwide. This is good news for Chesterfield, as [it could mean a lower insurance cost](#) for homeowners.

Firefighting personnel are constantly improving their training. In June 2017, a new fire training tower was dedicated in Enon. The seven-story, 9,000-square-foot tower simulates live fire and emergencies in various settings. The new facility will enable firefighters to practice fighting real fires in a controlled environment, as well as provide space for public safety officials to practice emergency evacuations.

In October 2016, Chesterfield County’s public safety departments and schools conducted an active threat exercise at Carver Middle School that involved over 150 public safety, emergency management and school personnel, and over 200 community volunteers. The training exercise enabled agencies to practice a coordinated response, execute action plans, and manage resources for an incident of this size and scope.

In April 2017, Chesterfield held a National Disaster Medical System exercise to train for a disaster scenario. The exercise staged many patients needing to be flown out of the area due to stress on local resources. Emergency Management hosted the exercise, partnering with Fire and EMS as well as the U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs and local hospitals. And, as always, Emergency Management trained and [prepared for hurricanes](#) and other disasters. The county’s Emergency Communications Center continued efforts to overhaul and enhance its emergency communications systems, which are in need of an update.

Interested in avoiding breakfast at the jail? This year’s Super Bowl provided the perfect opportunity for the [Sheriff’s Office](#) to run a [video reminder](#) not to drink and drive.

Public safety officials, partnering with Chesterfield County Public Schools, participate in a training exercise.