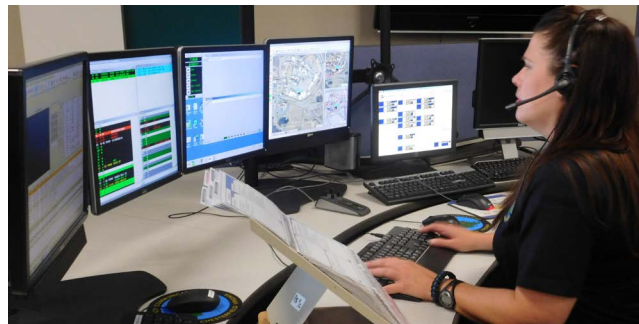




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Chesterfield County subscribes to a simple doctrine: We are here to serve the community, and strive to do so efficiently, effectively and transparently. Being a model for excellence is not only about our finances, but also the quality of services we provide and the partnerships we cultivate.

Most county residents think Chesterfield is a great place to live – and it is, according to the [National Citizen Survey](#). The survey rated the county as a “livable community” and one where people want to live. Most residents surveyed rated quality of life as “[excellent or good](#).”

Part of being a livable community means local government understands the residents priorities. This is why strengthening public safety and education were the top priorities of the [FY2017 budget](#), set at \$805.5 million. The [FY2018 budget](#) was adopted in April 2017. The budget aligned with the county’s Five-Year Plan and addressed cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay, accelerated the school referendum projects and promoted revitalization. It supported the successful economic development efforts and provided funding for local roads and other infrastructure, with no increase in per capita cost of service.

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Adherence to financial integrity in reporting and to industry best practices brought recognition to Chesterfield for the 36th consecutive year, when it received the [Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting](#) by the Government Finance Officers Association for its fiscal 2016 annual financial report.