

VIRGINIA:

At a recessed meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Northampton, Virginia, held in conference room #2 the former Northampton Middle School, 7247 Young Street, Machipongo, Virginia, on the 26th day of October, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Laurence J. Trala, Chairman

Willie C. Randall, Vice Chairman

Richard Tankard

H. Spencer Murray

Oliver H. Bennett

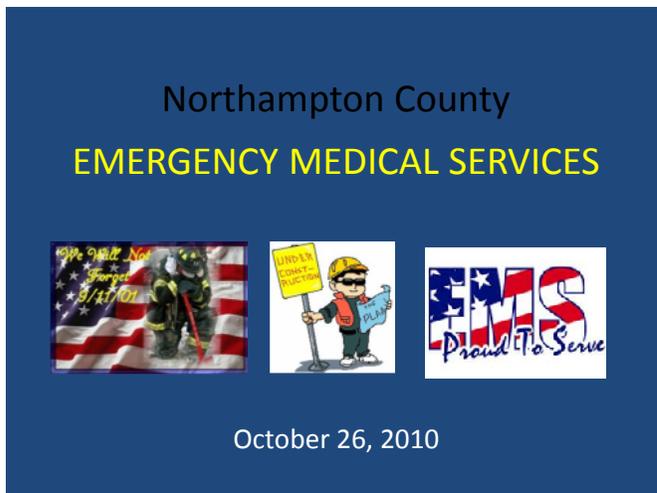
Absent:

Samuel J. Long, Jr.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

County Officials' Reports:

(A) Ms. Hollye Carpenter delivered the following powerpoint presentation to the Board with regard to the status of the County's emergency medical services department:



OBJECTIVES

- Current Operations
- Comparison to Accomack Fire/EMS Services
- Funding an all Paid EMS System
- Impact of Hospital relocation to Onley Area
- On the Horizon

CURRENT OPERATIONS



- VA Laws
- DERAs & Response Districts
- Call Volume
- Career EMS
- Vehicles & Providers
- Funding
- Call Statistics

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Laws Governing EMS

- § 15.2-955. Approval by local governing body for the establishment of certain rescue emergency services organizations.
 - A. No volunteer rescue squad, emergency medical service organization or other organization providing similar type services, or volunteer fire-fighting organization shall be established in any locality on or after July 1, 1984, without the prior approval by resolution of the governing body.
 - B. Each locality shall seek to ensure that emergency medical services are maintained throughout the entire locality.

(1984, c. 599, § 15.1-26.01; 1997, c. 587; 2005, c. 418.)

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Designated Emergency Response Agency (DERA)

- "Designated emergency response agency" means an EMS agency recognized by an ordinance or a resolution of the governing body of any county, city or town as an integral part of the official public safety program of the county, city or town with a responsibility for providing emergency medical response.
- An EMS agency shall provide service within its primary service area on a 24-hour continuous basis. (12VAC5-31-380 ~ EMS Agency Availability)

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Northampton County DERAs

- Community Fire Company ~ **Station 13**
 - 3356 Main Street, Exmore
- Northampton Fire & Rescue ~ **Station 16**
 - 10239 Pine Avenue, Nassawadox
- Cape Charles Rescue Service ~ **Station 19**
 - 22215 South Bayside Road, Cheriton
- Northampton County Dept of EMS ~ **Station 31**
 - 13294 Lankford Highway, Machipongo



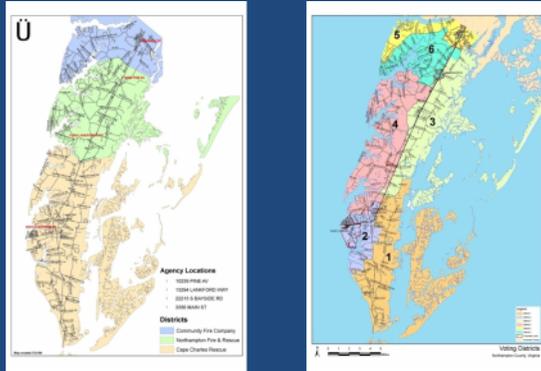
CURRENT OPERATIONS

Volunteer Agency Autonomy

- Each agency has the following:
 - a) Articles of [Incorporation](#)
 - b) [501-C-3](#) Non-Profit Tax Exempt Status
 - c) [Separate Leadership](#) Structure & Personnel Management
 - d) Set of [By-Laws](#) and Standard Operating Procedures ([SOP](#))
 - e) [Owns all equipment](#), including building & vehicles
 - f) Individual [licensure](#) through the Office of EMS
 - g) [Separate Financial Management](#), to include the annual filing of tax returns & billing for services rendered

CURRENT OPERATIONS

EMS Response Districts



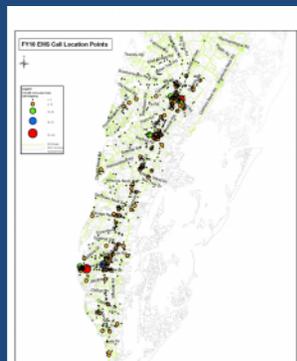
CURRENT OPERATIONS

Call Volume by District – FY2010

Cape Charles	1048
Northampton	824
Community	783
Out of District	37

CURRENT OPERATIONS

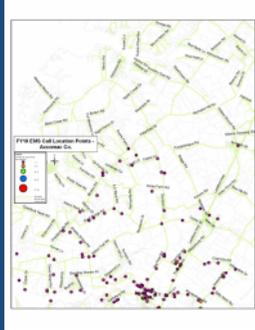
Call Volume – FY10



CURRENT OPERATIONS

Accomack County Call Volume – FY10

- Community FC's First Due EMS District extends into Accomack County, up to Coal Kiln Road.
- 195 calls in Accomack
 - 158 In District
 - 37 Out of District



CURRENT OPERATIONS

Mutual Aid

- Accomack County agencies handled 60 calls in FY10 and assisted on many more calls and move down assignments (statistic not available)
- Providing 24 hour coverage on a continuous basis is only accomplished through mutual aid with Northampton County EMS (career staff)

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Career EMS Staff

- 2 Ambulances
 - Monday thru Friday
 - Cape Charles
 - Community (Exmore)
- 1 Intermediate/Paramedic - Supervisor (QRV)
 - Monday thru Friday
 - Machipongo
- 1 Advanced Life Support – (QRV)
 - Nights & Weekends
 - Machipongo

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Calls Answered by NCEMS

	Days	Nights/Weekend/Holidays
Station 13 (Community)		
TOTAL CALLS	366	417
	87%	50%
NCEMS	319	208
ALS Transport	108	117
BLS Transport	134	47
Other	77	44
Station 16 (Northampton)		
TOTAL CALLS	380	444
	92%	57%
NCEMS	349	252
ALS Transport	78	94
BLS Transport	194	93
Other	77	65
Station 19 (Cape Charles)		
TOTAL CALLS	464	584
	98%	60%
NCEMS	457	351
ALS Transport	174	159
BLS Transport	131	62
Other	152	130

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Quick Response Vehicles

2004 Chevrolet Tahoe



138,555 miles

Submitted RSAF grant in September 2010 for a replacement for the Chevrolet Tahoe.

2007 Dodge Durango



63,438 miles

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Ambulances



CURRENT OPERATIONS

Ambulances

- Community Fire Company (Sta 13)
 - 1) 13-1 ~ 2000 LifeLine Ford E450 Ambulance (81,965 miles)
 - 2) 13-2 ~ 2004 LifeLine Ford E450 Ambulance (56,383 miles)
- Northampton Fire & Rescue (Sta 16)
 - 3) 16-2 ~ 2006 Horton Chevrolet Top-Kick Ambulance
- Cape Charles Rescue Service (Sta 19)
 - 4) 19-1 ~ 2005 LifeLine Ford E450 Ambulance (71,840 miles)
 - 5) 19-2 ~ 2003 LifeLine Ford E450 Ambulance (104,730 miles)
- Northampton County Department of EMS (Sta 31)
 - 6) 31-1 ~ 2011 LifeLine Ford E450 Ambulance (in service 04/2011)

CURRENT OPERATIONS

EMS Providers

Cape Charles RS

- 2 Paramedics
- 1 Intermediate
- 1 Enhanced
- 12 EMTs
- 7 Drivers/Other

Community FC

- 13 Paramedic
- 0 Intermediate
- 2 Enhanced
- 12 EMTs
- 14 Drivers/Other

Northampton Fire & Rescue

- 0 Paramedics
- 2 Intermediate
- 4 Enhanced
- 5 EMTs
- 13 Drivers/Other

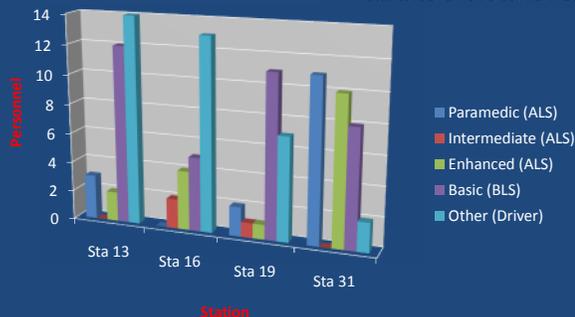
Northampton County EMS

- 10/1 Paramedics
- 0/0 Intermediate
- 10/0 Enhanced
- 3/5 EMTs
- 0/2 Drivers/Other

CURRENT OPERATIONS

EMS Personnel

Total Volunteer EMS Personnel = 61
Total Career EMS Personnel = 23



CURRENT OPERATIONS

EMS Funding

- County Government
 - a) No direct funds to either company
 - b) Provides Employees ~ FY11 budget = \$665,268
(91% Salaries/Benefits, 9% Operational Cost)
 - a) \$11,148 to Eastern Shore EMS Council (Four-for-Life) pass through funding for training
- Grants
 - a) Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) ~ competitive, twice annually
- Fund Raising
 - a) Little to None for EMS operations

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Billing for Services

- Billing for Services
 - a) Established in October 1998
 - b) Contracted with third party service @ rate of 9% per collected dollar
 - c) ALS Transport ~ \$400-\$550
 - d) BLS Transport ~ \$300
 - e) Evaluation ~ \$0 - \$75
 - f) Mileage ~ \$8.25/loaded mile

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Gross FY2010 Billable Amount for Transports

- Community FC
 - BLS Transports ~ 394
 - ALS Transports ~ 313
 - Loaded Miles ~ 3565
- Northampton F&R
 - BLS Transports ~ 68
 - ALS Transports ~ 84
 - Loaded Miles ~ 312
- Cape Charles RS
 - BLS Transports ~ 212
 - ALS Transports ~ 335
 - Loaded Miles ~ 8577
- TOTAL Calls/Miles
 - BLS ~ 675
 - ALS ~ 739
 - Loaded Miles ~ 12797
- Billable Amount (approximate)
 - Community ~ \$272,811
 - Northampton ~ \$59,049
 - Cape Charles ~ \$268,360
- **TOTAL = \$600,220**
- **60% Return = \$360,132**

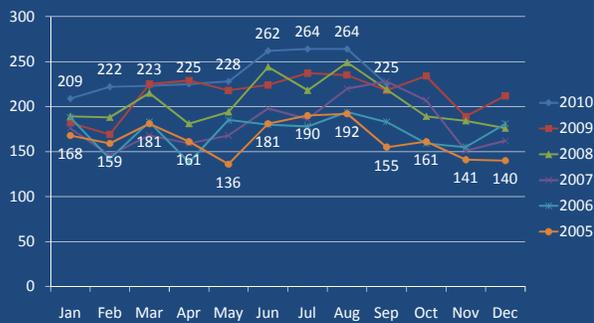
CURRENT OPERATIONS

Yearly EMS Call Data



CURRENT OPERATIONS

Monthly EMS Call Data



CURRENT OPERATIONS

EMS Statistics

- Average Monthly Call Volume:
 - 172 calls per month average in 2006
 - 237 calls per month average in 2010
 - 37% increase
- Busiest months are typically **June, July & August**
- Busiest Day of the Week = **Saturday**
- **60%** of the calls are run between 6am and 6pm
- There have been calls which never received an ambulance

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Response Concerns

- In consideration of all calls we are only meeting a 20 minute response time **87%** of the time;
- **341 calls** took greater than 20 minutes
- There are calls which took greater than 30, 40 & 50 minutes to get an ambulance, with the greatest being **52 minutes**
- Individually:
 - Night/Weekend/Holiday calls are answered **85%** of the time within the established 20 minute time interval
 - Northampton F&R answered **61%** of their night/weekend/holiday calls

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Why calls take greater than 20 minutes

- Lack of Personnel
- Travel Time
 - Distance Between Stations
 - Coastal/waterfront Communities (ex. Silver Beach)
- Unsafe scene (police assistance required)
- Weather conditions (ex. snow)

CURRENT OPERATIONS

Other Response Concerns

- We are struggling to meet the **90%** rule in the daytime, during the busy months of May through September.
- All stations have periods of difficulty answering calls.
- Our Quick Response Vehicle in many cases has been on left scene with a critical patient for an unacceptable amount of time.

CURRENT OPERATIONS EMS Response Data (FY2010)

EMS Response Data
July 2009 through June 2010

Performance Measure: EMS agencies will 90% of the time have a unit enroute within 20 minutes from the time of dispatch, 24 hours a day.
Response Time: Time from 911 dispatch to on-scene arrival.

Table 1: Performance Measure Data

Dispatch	#	Total Calls	20 min. response	%
Community PC	18	100	88	88%
Northampton FFA	18	100	90	90%
Accomack FFA	18	100	90	90%
Coastal FFA	18	100	90	90%
CVL of County	18	100	90	90%
Average Response Time	17:00	Max	20	

Table 2: Mutual Aid Data

Dispatch	Receiving Aid	Station	Dispatch Aid	% Calls Answered
Community PC	18	100	18	100%
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Table 3: NCSIS Calls

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CVL of County	18	100	18	100%	18

Table 4: Response Time - 21 min

Response Time	#	%
0-20	100	100%
21-30	0	0%

Table 5: Response Time

Response Time	#	%
0-10	100	100%
11-20	0	0%
21-30	0	0%
31-40	0	0%
41-50	0	0%
51-60	0	0%
61-70	0	0%
71-80	0	0%
81-90	0	0%
91-100	0	0%
101-110	0	0%
111-120	0	0%
121-130	0	0%
131-140	0	0%
141-150	0	0%
151-160	0	0%
161-170	0	0%
171-180	0	0%
181-190	0	0%
191-200	0	0%
201-210	0	0%
211-220	0	0%
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241-250	0	0%
251-260	0	0%
261-270	0	0%
271-280	0	0%
281-290	0	0%
291-300	0	0%

Data Source: Station: Mean of All 911 Calls

<http://www.co.northampton.va.us/publicsafety/ncfrc.html>

CURRENT OPERATIONS EMS Response Data (Sept 2010)

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NORTHAMPTON ~ ACCOMACK Comparison



- Calls Totals
- Ambulances
- Career Staff
- County Funding
- Fire Tax

NORTHAMPTON ~ ACCOMACK General Statistics

NORTHAMPTON

ACCOMACK

Square Miles 207	Square Miles 355
Population 13415	Population 38180
Population/Square Mile 62	Population/Square Mile 83

NORTHAMPTON ~ ACCOMACK 2009 Call Totals

NORTHAMPTON

ACCOMACK

Community	774	Greenbackville	139
Northampton	802	Saxis	143
Cape Charles	897	Wachapreague	161
TOTAL	3363	Onley	449
	33%	Bloxom	667
		Onancock	679
		Melfa	808
		Oak Hall	1062
		Parksley	1190
		TOTAL	5298
			66%
		Chincoteague	775

Per Eastern Shore 911 Annual Report 2009

NORTHAMPTON ~ ACCOMACK Ambulances

NORTHAMPTON

ACCOMACK

	Licensed	Staffed		Licensed	Staffed
Community	2	1	Greenbackville	2	1
Northampton	1	0	Saxis	2	1
Cape Charles	2	1	Wachapreague	1	1
TOTAL	5	2	Onley	2	1
			Bloxom	3	1
			Onancock	2	1
			Melfa	2	1
			Oak Hall	2	1
			Parksley	3	1
			TOTAL	19	9
			Chincoteague	2	1

Per Office of EMS Vehicle Licensure

NORTHAMPTON ~ ACCOMACK Career Staff

NORTHAMPTON

EMS Providers 9
Administrative 1

ACCOMACK

EMS Providers 31
Administrative 2

(13 PTE fill an additional 3 FTE positions)

\$ 665,268
(FY2011)

\$1,800,000
(per December 2009 presentation to
Accomack BOS)

CHINCOTEAGUE
EMS Providers 5

NORTHAMPTON ~ ACCOMACK County General Funding

NORTHAMPTON

	EMS	FIRE
Community	0	19,000
Northampton	0	19,000
Cape Charles	0	0
Cape Charles VFC	0	19,000
Cheriton VFC	0	19,000
Eastville VFC	0	19,000
TOTAL	0	95,000

FY2011

ACCOMACK

	EMS	FIRE
Chincoteague	8,000	12,000
Greenbackville	8,000	12,000
Saxis	8,000	12,000
Wachapreague	8,000	12,000
Onley	8,000	12,000
Bloxom	8,000	12,000
Onancock	8,000	12,000
Melfa	8,000	12,000
Oak Hall	8,000	0
Parksley	8,000	12,000
New Church	0	12,000
Atlantic	4,000	12,000
Tangier	0	12,000
Tasley	4,000	12,000
Painter	0	12,000
TOTAL	84,000	198,000

(per December 2009 presentation to Accomack BOS)

NORTHAMPTON ~ ACCOMACK Funding Stipulations

NORTHAMPTON

- NONE

ACCOMACK

- \$4,000 ~ licensed EMS Unit
- \$4,000 ~ reporting Pre-Hospital Care Date to the State
- \$4,000 ~ (1) apparatus passing pump test
- \$4,000 ~ maintenance records on apparatus
- \$4,000 ~ submittal of volunteer roster to Clerk of Court

(per December 2009 presentation to Accomack BOS)

NORTHAMPTON ~ ACCOMACK Fire Tax

NORTHAMPTON		ACCOMACK	
Community	0	<i>Chincoteague</i>	0
Northampton	0	Greenbackville	72,602
Cape Charles	0	Saxis	72,602
		Oak Hall	72,602
Cape Charles VFC	0	Bloxom	76,503
Cheriton VFC	0	Parksley	76,503
Eastville VFCO	0	Onley	84,175
		Onancock	84,175
		Melfa	105,653
		Wachapreague	105,653
		New Church	72,602
		Atlantic	72,602
		Tangier	72,602
		Tasley	84,175
		Painter	105,653
		TOTAL	1,090,000
		<small>(per December 2009 presentation to Accomack BOS)</small>	

Full Career EMS System

- Vehicles
- Staff
- Buildings



Full Career EMS System Vehicles & Staff

Current	Anticipated
• 2 Ambulances daytime	• 3 Ambulances daytime
• 1 QRV nights & weekends	• 2 Ambulances nighttime
	• 1 QRV (supervisor) daytime & nighttime
• 9 FTE EMS Providers	
• 1 FTE Administrative	• 24.67 FTE EMS Providers
• 13 PTE EMS Providers	• 3 FTE Administrative
	• 10-15 PTE EMS Providers

\$1,201,000

Full Career EMS System Capital Needs

With Centralization

- Station relocation plans to Middle School adequate, offering growth options;
- May need additional garage space
- Purchase of 2 to 3 more ambulances

\$420,000 – vehicles
\$180,000 - operations

Without Centralization

- Purchase properties to house 2 ambulances & staff in both Exmore & Cheriton areas
- Purchase 2 to 3 more ambulances

\$1,100,000 – stations
\$420,000 – vehicles
\$180,000 - operations

Full Career EMS System Estimated Funding Requirement

- Capital Outlay to start program:

\$1,520,000

- Starting Yearly budget:

\$1,381,000

Full Career EMS System Summary

- The VISION of the Northampton County Department of EMS is two-fold. First, build a combination career and volunteer program offering a positive work environment which includes team building, mentoring, education and opportunity. Second, provide all the components needed to maintain a viable, working volunteer EMS program in Northampton County.

Impact of the Hospital Move

- Increase ambulance turn around time
- Decrease immediate ambulance availability for third, fourth and fifth calls
- Require additional providers around the clock



Impact of the Hospital Move Onley Location

Distance

- Mileage & travel time will increase by the following:
 - ❖ Community x 3 times
 - ❖ Northampton x 18 times
 - ❖ Cape Charles x 2 times

Location

- Obligated to transport to the closest appropriate facility
- Transports from Cape Charles Shore Stop south are closer to Sentara Bayside

NORTHAMPTON ~ ACCOMACK Mileage to Hospital

	Distance	Distance	Distance
	to	to	to
	Nassawadox	Onley	PRMC
Community FC	4.7	14.1	
Northampton F&R	0.6	18.0	
Cape Charles RS	16.3	34.4	
Melfa VF&R	14.6	4.3	
Wachapreague VFC	16.5	10.4	
Onley VF&R	18.3	1.9	
Onancock VFD	19.4	0.6	
Parkley VFC	26.3	8.9	
Bloxom VFC	28.5	11.2	48.0
Oak Hall RS	37.6	20.4	37.8
Saxis VF&R	47.1	24.1	49.6
Chincoteague VFC	49.6	32.3	46.9
Greenbackville VF&R	51.9	34.5	31.6

Impact of the Hospital Move

Available Ambulances & Staff

- Ambulances will be out of county for extended period of time decreasing availability and increasing the need for more staff 24/7.
- Accomack ambulances will not be traveling into the County, thus no additional ambulances available during high call volume times (3rd, 4th and 5th calls).
- Melfa VFR is currently running a high number of assists into Northampton County. These numbers would dramatically increase.

On the Horizon

- Station Relocation
- New Ambulance
- Consideration of centralized response
- Implementation of 12 Lead EKG acquirement



On the Horizon

Station Relocation

- Importance:
 - Construction of garage to ensure safety of EMS Providers & controlled climate for equipment in vehicles
 - Increased administrative and bunking space for growing department
 - Establishment of “EMS Training Center”
- Priorities:
 - Separate heat and AC servicing our station to ensure consistent creature comforts
 - Generated power for all or majority services in our station

On the Horizon

County Owned Ambulance



- To be placed in service April 2011
- Next Step in Progressive Growth
- Will provide an available ambulance mid-county
- Provide a 3 minute response upon alert

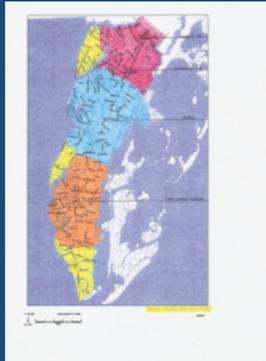
On the Horizon

Progression to Ambulance

- County EMS Department started in 1987 with 1 EMS Coordinator → incurred 23 years of change & growth due to the increasing inability of the volunteer agencies to answer their calls.
- Increase in night & weekend response times, neither volunteer agency is meeting 20 minute response 90 % of the time
- Refusal of Northampton Fire & Rescue to move ambulance south for combination staffing with NCEMS

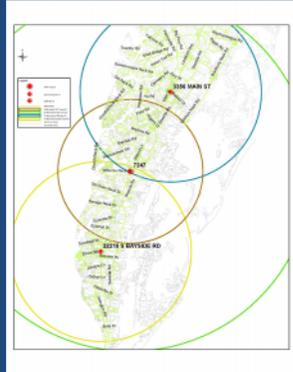
On the Horizon

Ambulance Placement (NCEMS staffed)



On the Horizon

Ambulance Response Times



On the Horizon

Ambulance Staffing

- Expect to use a combination of volunteer & career providers to staff nights & weekends
 - Requires (18) volunteers **or**
 - Requires (6) FTE career EMS providers
- Consider staffing daytime during high call months of June, July & August
 - Requires (10) volunteers **or**
 - Requires (3.3) temporary FTE career EMS providers for equivalent PTEs

On the Horizon

12 Lead EKG Acquisition & Transmission

- RSAF Grant received July 1, 2010 for 6 defibrillator/monitors with 12 lead capability
- Additional grant funding applied for through USDA this month (October 2010)
- Will increase diagnosis of STEMI (ST Elevated Myocardial Infarction) & assist in meeting regional 90 minute dispatch to balloon (catheterization) treatment

The Future of EMS Services

- Consolidation
- Standardization
- Centralization
- Funding



The Future of EMS Services County Considerations

- Request Virginia Office of EMS to perform a study on our County EMS Services in consideration of the following:
 - ❑ Consolidation & Standardization
 - Personnel Management
 - Standardized Operating Procedures
 - Quality Assurance & Quality Improvement
 - Mentoring & Precepting of EMS Providers
 - Health & Welfare of EMS Providers (Infection Control)
 - Supply & Equipment Ordering
 - Leadership & Management
 - ❑ Centralized Billing
 - Consistent billing & collections, utilizing appropriate rates
 - County-wide Electronic Charting & State data submission
 - ❑ Funding of System
 - General Contribution
 - Fire/EMS Tax

IN CLOSING

NCEMS Motto & Mission

MOTTO

Providing Top Notch Customer Service & Unconditional Teamwork

MISSION

The MISSION of the Northampton County Department of EMS is to provide basic and advanced life support providers able to respond quickly, minimizing pain, suffering and loss when emergencies occur, by delivering the highest quality emergency care to citizens and visitors Northampton County.

QUESTIONS



Hollye B. Carpenter, NREMT-P
Director of Emergency Medical Services
(757) 678-0411

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Mr. Bennett arrived during the powerpoint presentation at 5:20 p.m.

Mr. Randall suggested that Ms. Carpenter share this presentation with the volunteer agencies. He also said that he would arrange for Ms. Carpenter and the County Administrator to be placed on the Hospital Board's agenda for its November meeting.

Mr. Tankard stressed the need for emergency room functions to remain in Nassawadox.

Ms. Nunez reminded the Board that a request had been received from the fire companies last year for implementation of a fire tax. The additional information requested by County staff was never received. The County Administrator also noted that any future funds to the County's fire and/or emergency medical services agencies would require compliance with the federal NIMS guidelines.

(i) Ms. Carpenter distributed information regarding the ambulance bid issued by the County. Three proposals were received; two of the three proposals were disqualified as neither was able to produce a Virginia DMV license to sell vehicles in Virginia which is required by the Code of Virginia. On the recommendation of Ms. Carpenter, motion was made by Mr.

Murray, seconded by Mr. Tankard, that the bid for the ambulance be awarded to Keplinger Repair Service, Inc., for a Lifeline ambulance, in accordance with County bid specifications and its bid of \$151,366.00 and with an immediate change order to be issued, bring the cost to \$129,000. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Long and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

(B) The County Administrator briefed the Board on the Wastewater Project, particularly the Southern Node, noting that our application has made the “cut list” from DEQ. The Project Management Team has met with the funding sources to discuss options and alternatives. She then distributed a Southern Node Outreach action plan with the objective of reaching a go/no-go decision before the December holidays. Included in the Action Plan were the following key decisions:

- (a) Board of Supervisors to consider a Moral Obligation resolution to back the project;
- (b) Cape Charles agreement to offer an appropriate bulk rate;
- (c) Cheriton’s willingness to consider mandatory connection if necessary*
- (d) Board of Supervisors’ willingness to consider mandatory connection in the county service area outside of Cheriton if necessary*;
- (e) If the answers to (a) through (d) are “yes”, then the PSA to decide if they are ready to be the recipient of the grants/loans and serve as project sponsor.

*”If necessary” in (c) and (d) above would mean that the governing bodies (Cheriton and Northampton County) would require all residents in the service area to connect to the system if the rate is “affordable” and the Project Management Team is unable to secure voluntary connection commitments from 80% of the residents in the service area. “Affordable” is as determined by the governing bodies based on the estimate resulting from the grant-to-loan ratio analysis provided by the consultants.

Mr. Murray reminded the Board that his early support of this project had been predicated on there being no increase in the County’s debt. He stressed that the governing body needs all

available information prior to making any major decisions and should not be forced into a decision based on loan or grant deadlines.

Mr. Tankard said that he would like to know what would happen if satisfactory funding cannot be achieved or should Cheriton not require mandatory hook-ups. He also noted that conservation easements, particularly those in the Northern Node along the Seaside Road, should be indicated on the maps.

The County Administrator noted that the School Superintendent has requested a joint meeting between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors to discuss the immediate need for building an addition to Northampton High School. The need is to return the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade to a middle school concept. Funding could be available through a new Qualified School Construction Bond allocation. The proposed joint meeting was suggested to be November 3, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m., at the School Board Office. Noting other meeting conflicts, it was the consensus of the Board that it would meet with the School Board although not on November 3rd at 9:00 a.m. It was noted that the Bond application deadline is November 19th

Mr. Murray left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The County Administrator agreed to poll the Board members for other possible meeting dates.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Randall, that the meeting be adjourned. All members were present with the exceptions of Mr. Long and Mr. Murray and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned.

_____CHAIRMAN

_____ COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR