

## 11. SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY EMS RESPONSE PLAN

As you may recall from your meeting with representatives of the Fire and Rescue Association earlier this year, the *Virginia Administrative Code* was amended in late 2012, requiring all designated emergency response agencies to develop and participate in a written, local EMS response plan.

The plan is intended to define how the agencies intend to provide 24-hour coverage within their primary service areas, and further define a response time standard within their respective service areas.

Attached for your consideration, please find a copy of the Southampton County EMS Response Plan, developed by the EMS Committee of the Southampton County Fire and Rescue Association. This plan has been accepted by all EMS responders including the Courtland Volunteer Rescue Squad, Capron Fire and Rescue, Ivor Volunteer Rescue Squad, Boykins Fire and Rescue, and the fire departments in Newsoms and Sedley which operate first responder/non-transport programs.

The written plan ratifies the current EMS areas with:

- Courtland VRS being primarily responsible for 138.5 square miles and 2,831 address points, and further providing mutual aid to an additional 276.46 square miles with 4,672 address points;
- Capron Fire and Rescue being primarily responsible for 130.99 square miles and 1,286 address points, and further providing mutual aid to an additional 138.38 square miles with 1,956 address points;
- Ivor VRS being primarily responsible for 118.63 square miles and 1,570 address points, and further providing mutual aid to an additional 42.03 square miles with 838 address points;
- Boykins VRS being primarily responsible for 122.17 square miles and 1,799 address points, and further providing mutual aid to an additional 68.05 square miles with 465 address points;
- Sedley VFD as a first responder/non-transport for 51.18 square miles and 1,033 address points; and
- Newsoms VFD as a first responder/non-transport for 73.42 square miles and 962 address points.

Franklin Fire and Rescue and Greensville VRS also have primary response areas in Southampton County, and those areas are reflected in their respective plans.

The response time standard for the contract daytime crews is established at 15 minutes and 19 minutes for the volunteer squads. The response time standard for mutual aid is 25 minutes. Response times will be reviewed quarterly by each agency with copies transmitted to the Board.

Because the plan must be developed in coordination with the locality, the Fire and Rescue Association seeks your approval.

**MOTION REQUIRED:** A motion is required to approve the plan and authorize Chairman Jones to sign it.

# Southampton County EMS Response Plan

## 1. Purpose:

This document is implemented to provide the necessary basis for coordination of Emergency Medical Services response in the county. This document will serve as both operational and administrative guidelines.

## 2. Origin and Authority:

The following plan is in accordance with 12VAC5-31-610 of the Virginia Emergency Medical Services Regulations as put forth by the Virginia Office of EMS for the designated EMS Response Agencies of Southampton County to develop a written local EMS Response Plan. ( There are four ALS Transport Agencies - Courland Volunteer Rescue Squad, Capron Fire and Rescue, Ivor Volunteer Rescue Squad, Boykins Fire and Rescue and two First Responder / Non-Transport Agencies - Sedley Volunteer Fire Department and Newsome Volunteer Fire Department)

## 3. Overview and Content:

Southampton County utilizes a combination of volunteer providers for nights and weekends and a Paid / Contract Service to provide daytime / weekday coverage at the four ALS Transport Agencies as listed above and two Volunteer Non-Transport First Responder Agencies as listed above.

ALS Paid / Contract crew provides coverage for 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Nights and weekends are supplemented by a zone vehicle with a paid / Contract ALS provider.

## 4. Southampton County Emergency Response Agencies and Run Areas:

- **Courtland Volunteer Rescue Squad:** Provides ALS Transport Service to 2,831 address points in a 138.5 square mile 1<sup>st</sup> due response area as designated in the Enhanced 911 Mapping System and Mutual Aid to 4,672 address points in a 276.46 square mile 2<sup>nd</sup> due response area as designated in the Enhanced 911 Mapping System.
- **Capron Fire and Rescue:** Provides ALS Transport Service to 1,286 address points in a 130.99 square mile 1<sup>st</sup> due response area as designated in the Enhanced 911 Mapping System and Mutual Aid to 1,956 address points in a 138.38 square mile 2<sup>nd</sup> due response area as designated in the enhanced 911 mapping.
- **Ivor Volunteer Rescue Squad:** Provides ALS Transport Service to 1,570 address points in a 118.63 square mile 1<sup>st</sup> due response area as designated in the Enhanced 911 Mapping System and Mutual Aid to 838 address points in a 42.03 square mile 2<sup>nd</sup> due response area as designated in the Enhanced 911 Mapping System.

- **Boykins Fire and Rescue:** : Provides ALS Transport Service to 1,799 address points in a 122.17 square mile 1<sup>st</sup> due response area as designated in the Enhanced 911 Mapping System and Mutual Aid to 465 address points in a 68.05 square mile 2<sup>nd</sup> due response area as designated in the Enhanced 911 Mapping System.
- **Sedley Volunteer Fire Department:** Provides First Responder / Non-Transport Service to 1,033 address points in a 51.18 square mile 1<sup>st</sup> due Fire Department Response Area as designated in the Enhanced 911 Mapping System.
- **Newsomes Volunteer Fire Department:** Provides First Responder / Non-Transport Service to 962 address points in a 73.42 square mile 1<sup>st</sup> due Fire Department Response Area as designated in the Enhanced 911 Mapping System.

#### **5. Dispatch and Alerting:**

All Agencies are dispatched in accordance with the Southampton County Fire and Rescue Communications Procedures that addresses both volunteer and paid EMS dispatch procedures with paging intervals and mutual aid paging and response for Volunteer EMS, Paid / Contract EMS and all Fire Department responses.

#### **6. Mutual Aid:**

All EMS Agencies maintain and keep on file Mutual Aid Agreements with neighboring agencies and jurisdictions as required. These agreements are the responsibility of each agency to maintain and update as needed. Mutual aid is dispatched in accordance with the Southampton County Fire and Rescue Communications Procedures.

#### **7. Responding Interval and Tracking:**

The size and road mileage of the each agency's primary and mutual aid response area has an impact on the response interval.

1. Paid daytime responding interval has been set at 15 minutes from time of page to being on scene.
2. Volunteer 1<sup>st</sup> run responding interval is set at 19 Minutes from time of page to being on scene.
3. Mutual aid 2<sup>nd</sup> run responding interval is set at 25 Minutes from time of page to being on scene.
4. These intervals will be complied with on a 90% basis.
5. Paging and alerting intervals are outlined in the Southampton County Fire and Rescue Communications Procedures.
6. Any deviation or delayed response is to be documented by each agency.
7. Each agency will be responsible for quarterly reviews of any exceptions to the responding interval.
8. The results of the quarterly review will be provided to the Southampton County Board of Supervisors for review.

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**12VAC5-31-610. Designated emergency response agency standards.**

A. A designated emergency response agency shall develop or participate in a written local EMS response plan that addresses the following items:

1. The designated emergency response agency shall develop and maintain, **in coordination with their locality**, a written plan to provide 24-hour coverage of the agency's primary service area with the available personnel to achieve the approved responding interval standard.

2. A designated emergency response agency shall conform to the local responding interval, or in the absence of a local standard the EMS agency shall develop a standard in conjunction with OMD and local government in the best interests of the patient and the community. The EMS agency shall use the response time standard to establish a time frame the EMS agency complies with on a 90% basis within its primary service area (i.e., a time frame in which the EMS agency can arrive at the scene of a medical emergency in 90% or greater of all calls).

a. If the designated emergency response agency finds it is unable to respond within the established unit mobilization interval standard, the call shall be referred to the closest available mutual aid EMS agency.

b. If the designated emergency response agency finds it is able to respond to the patient location sooner than the mutual aid EMS agency, the EMS agency shall notify the PSAP of its availability to respond.

c. If the designated emergency response agency is unable to respond (e.g., lack of operational response vehicle or available personnel), the EMS agency shall notify the PSAP.

d. If a designated emergency response agency determines in advance that it will be unable to respond for emergency service for a specified period of time, it shall notify its PSAP.

B. A designated emergency response agency shall have available for review a copy of the local EMS response plan that shall include the established EMS Responding Interval standards.

C. A designated emergency response agency shall document its compliance with the established EMS response capability, unit mobilization interval, and responding interval standards.

D. A designated emergency response agency shall document an annual review of exceptions to established EMS response capability and time interval standards. The results of this review shall be provided to the agency's operational medical director and local governing body.

### Statutory Authority

§§ [6514045](#) and [6514044417](#) of the Code of Virginia.

### Historical Notes

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