

## **12. EMS LICENSURE APPLICATION NEWSOMS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Since inception of their Non-Transport First Responder program, Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department (NVFD) has operated under the EMS license of the Boykins Volunteer Rescue Squad. They've recently expressed a desire to apply for their own EMS license in order to gain more control over their current operations, facilitate future expansion of the program and provide them greater access to potential funding grants.

Section 15.2-955 of the Code of Virginia requires approval by the local governing body for the establishment of licensed emergency service organizations. Similar approval was granted by the Board to the Sedley Volunteer Fire Department for its First Responder Program in October 2001.

As you know from approval of your EMS Response Plan in May of this year, NVFD currently provides Non-Transport First Responder services within its first-run response area, which includes 962 address points in a 73.42 square mile designated boundary.

Attached for your consideration, please find a copy of a resolution supporting their application.

**MOTION REQUIRED: A motion is required to adopt the attached resolution.**



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

**RESOLUTION 1114-12**

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia, held in the Southampton County Office Center, Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

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**PRESENT**

The Honorable Dallas O. Jones, Chairman  
The Honorable Ronald M. West, Vice Chairman  
The Honorable Alan W. Edwards  
The Honorable Carl J. Faison  
The Honorable S. Bruce Phillips  
The Honorable Barry T. Porter  
The Honorable Glenn H. Updike

**IN RE:            ESTABLISHMENT            OF            RESCUE            EMERGENCY            SERVICE  
                         ORGANIZATION**

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Motion by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_:

**WHEREAS**, Section 15.2-955 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires approval by the local governing body for the establishment of certain rescue emergency services organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department has appeared before the Southampton County Board of Supervisors to request approval to provide non-transport first response emergency services to 962 address points in a 73.42 square mile designated boundary within the county, and

**WHEREAS**, the Southampton County Board of Supervisors has determined it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Southampton County for Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department to provide these services.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Southampton County Board of

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Supervisors grants approval to the Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department to provide these services and obtain agency license subject to approval by the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) of Virginia.

Seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_.

VOTING ON THE ITEM:        YES –

   NO –

A COPY TESTE:

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Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator/  
Clerk, Southampton County Board of Supervisors

**§ 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](#).)