

7. RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SAFETY PROGRAM OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

The Code of Virginia (§9.1-400, et seq.) requires that the governing body of each locality must officially recognize by ordinance or resolution the fire company or rescue squad serving the locality in order for their volunteer members to be eligible for Line of Duty Act (LODA) benefits. Not having this ordinance or resolution in place would prevent volunteers who are otherwise eligible from receiving benefits for themselves and their families.

Accordingly, I have prepared the attached resolution for your consideration.

As you recall, the Board opted last month to self-fund this program through the VACo Group Self Insurance Pool.

Just in case you're wondering, the Hunterdale Volunteer Fire Department is not included in our resolution because they are physically located in the City of Franklin – accordingly, their volunteers are covered by the City.

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