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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Motor Vehicles

2300 West Broad Street

November 5, 2010

Richard D. Holcomb
Commissioner

Post Office Box 27412
Richmond, VA 23269-0001

Mr. Michael W Johnson
County Administrator
Southampton County
26022 Administration Center Dr.
Post Office Box 400
Courtland VA 23837

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Department of Motor Vehicles sells the Animal Friendly license plate which is authorized by Virginia Code, §46.2-749, as part of its special license plate program. This plate is issued to supporters of dog and cat sterilization programs at a cost of \$25.00 per year in addition to the prescribed fee for vehicle registration. After the first 1,000 sets of plates are sold, \$15.00 of each fee is made available to the locality in which the vehicle is registered, to be used to support sterilization programs for dogs and cats. This money is set aside in a special fund titled the Dog and Cat Sterilization Fund for distribution to localities, regardless of the amount of funds involved. For Fiscal Year 2010, DMV's records indicate that your locality is due \$150.00 from this Fund.

Virginia Code §46.2-749 requires each locality to certify that this money will be used to support sterilization of dogs and cats. If your locality does not have a program for this purpose, the statute provides the locality options. You may make the funds available to any private, nonprofit sterilization program for dogs and cats in your locality or decline receipt of funds. Any funds that are declined shall be distributed to other affected localities on a pro rata basis.

Attached to this letter is a form on which to make your choice pertaining to the amount stated above. Complete the form and return it no later than December 20, 2010, to:

Financial Management Services
Department of Motor Vehicles
Post Office Box 25700
Richmond, Virginia 23260
Attn: Angela Bartlett, Room 714
Fax: (804) 367-6339

If the form is not received by the above date, it will be assumed that your locality is declining the funds. If you have any questions regarding the Animal Friendly Plate, the funds due your locality or about completing the Certification of Funds, form FMS 225 call DMV's Special License Plate Division at (804) 367-0368.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Holcomb

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Attachment

C: The Honorable Dallas O. Jones, Chairman



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Virginia Department of Fire Programs

Office of the Executive Director
1005 Technology Park Drive
Glen Allen, VA 23059-4500
Phone: 804/ 371-0220
Fax: 804/ 371-3408

November 2, 2010

County Administrator Michael Johnson
Southampton County
PO Box 400
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear County Administrator Johnson:

On August 23, 2010, fire departments in your locality were invited to participate in the **2010 Virginia Fire Service Needs Assessment Survey**. The purpose of the needs assessment is to provide current important decision making information to state legislators at the 2011 General Assembly on the overall needs of Virginia's Fire Service. Even if fire departments completed the survey last year, it is important to report updated information. The Aid to Localities (ATL) funding, provided under the Virginia Fire Programs Funds, allocated to your area is estimated as **\$41,748** for FY2011. The compiled data will assist our state legislators with decisions concerning funding and will help support justification for existing funding.

Below is the current overall survey response as of 11/2/2010 with your locality, as well as, a list of fire departments that have not completed their survey.

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| Surveys Completed | 6 |
| Total Fire Departments | 8 |
| Overall Survey Response | 75% |

2010 Needs Assessment - Non Respondent Fire Departments

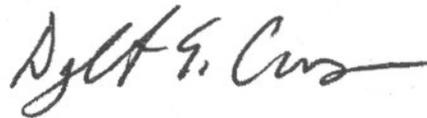
| FDID | Fire Department | FDID | Fire Department |
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| 17503 | Capron Vol. Fire & First Aid Squad, Inc. | | |
| 17509 | Drewryville Vol. Fire Dept. | | |
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Please encourage any remaining fire departments in your locality to participate in the survey and promote the importance of completing the information. Your support is greatly appreciated. Fire departments have until the **final deadline** on **November 29, 2010** to complete their response. Fire departments were previously sent survey passwords to logon to the survey website. If a fire department needs their password, please have them contact me. In addition, please go to our website, www.vafire.com, point to Fire Data & Statistics and then click on Needs Assessment for additional updated information.

Thank you for all your previous efforts in promoting the Fire Service Needs Assessment Survey in your area. Please feel free to contact me by phone at (804) 249-1989 or by email at dwight.crews@vdfp.virginia.gov if you want to discuss any questions that you may have about the survey. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dwight E. Crews
Information and Statistics Manager

Jerry D. Rose, Inc.
P. O. Box 98
Courtland, VA 23837
757-647-8437 (cell)

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October 26, 2010

Dear Supervisor:

I write this request today on behalf of the Timber Harvesters in Southampton County including myself. Over the past 30 years I have diligently paid my personal property and real estate taxes on a timely basis. Last year, for some reason to this day I still don't completely understand, my personal property taxes increased about 40% and this year another 20% (I did purchase some used equipment this year). Each year our depreciation records are available from Britt & Peak. I do not understand why our Federal Government agrees with these depreciation schedules and our local county can not.

Also, everyone we deal with considers us to be an agricultural business and our local county does not. If I understand correctly, local farmers pay a rate of \$1.95 per hundred and we as harvesters of an agricultural product pay \$2.40. I would like for these two issues to be addressed by your Board, County Administrator, Commissioner of Revenue, and Treasurer of County.

As you well know, we along with everyone else, are struggling in today's economy, especially with the closure of the IP facility in Franklin. **WE NEED SOME RELIEF!**

To carry this a step further, we receive absolutely no benefits from this money we pay. Any benefits that are out there we receive as personal residents of the county. We as a business are even regulated on our trash. We are not allowed to carry ANY trash, even legit (office or just regular trash) to our dump stations throughout the county. We are not offered water or sewer service at our facility on Jerusalem Rd. So, in essence, we receive nothing!

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Thank you for your consideration on these matters and look for a response in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry D. Rose", written in a cursive style.

Jerry D. Rose

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Commonwealth of Virginia

Walter J. Kucharski, Auditor

**Auditor of Public Accounts
P.O. Box 1295
Richmond, Virginia 23218**

October 15, 2010

Dallas O. Jones
Board Chairman
7427 Southampton Parkway
Drewryville, VA 23844

County of Southampton

Dear Mr. Jones:

We have reviewed the Commonwealth collections and remittances of the Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, Sheriff, and Commonwealth's Attorney of the locality indicated for the year ended June 30, 2010. Our primary objectives were to determine that the officials have maintained accountability over Commonwealth collections, established internal controls, and complied with state laws and regulations.

The results of our tests found the constitutional officers complied, in all material respects, with state laws, regulations and other procedures relating to the receipt, disbursement, and custody of state funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter J. Kucharski".

Auditor of Public Accounts

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cc: Michael Johnson, County Administrator
David K. Britt, Treasurer
Amy B. Carr, Commissioner of the Revenue
Vernie W. Francis, Jr., Sheriff
Eric A. Cooke, Commonwealth's Attorney