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Farmville, VA –

The Town of Farmville recognizes the importance of First Responders from our Police Department, to our 911 Communications, to our Farmville Volunteer Fire Department and the Prince Edward County Volunteer Rescue Squad, we value the services that these departments and organizations provide this community.

Members of Farmville Town Council, and representatives from Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College have actively been working with the Board of the Prince Edward County Volunteer Rescue Squad in developing an action plan to assist the Squad in its reorganization and financial stability.

At a meeting on Tuesday, July 9, Mayor Whitus stated the Town Council had allocated \$30,000 from the 2019-2020 Town budget to go towards hiring an Executive Director for the Squad. Representatives from Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College agreed to match those funds. The advertisements for the Executive Director position should move forward quickly.

To help the Squad, at the July 10 Council meeting, Council voted to allocate \$50,000 from the 2019-2020 Town Budget to provide general maintenance and assist with maintenance cost repairs to all the Prince Edward County Volunteer Rescue Squad vehicles. The Town will also waive the water, sewer and sanitation fee for 2019-2020 along with continuing to provide free fuel for the emergency vehicles, lawn maintenance, and snow removal, as we have for many, many years.