



County of Mathews
Mathews County Board of Supervisors
Office of the County Administrator

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VACo Achievement Awards
1207 East Main Street, Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23219-3627

Attention: Achievement Awards Committee

It is with pleasure that I endorse the enclosed submission of "Improving EMS Response in a Rural County" for consideration for the VACO 2013 Award for Criminal Justice & Public Safety.

We are all proud of our Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad. Working with my office and the Board of Supervisors, our Rescue Squad created a plan to achieve maximum results without burdening the finances of Mathews County or breaking the Rescue Squad's 43-year tradition of providing services to Mathews' residents without charge.

Our Rescue Squad was one of the first in the region to move to compassionate billing. This was accomplished without losing its volunteer base or upsetting County residents. Billing revenue has paid for required staff at the Rescue Squad and state-of-the-art equipment. Its Life-Pak-15s and 911-GPS system have dramatically improved response times and saved lives.

I am pleased to present this as a model for other Counties in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Melinda Moran
County Administrator