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MEDIC 12 TO BENEFIT BOTH NEW KENT AND HANOVER COUNTIES

NEW KENT VIRGINIA, NOVEMBER 30, 2009: In March 2009 New Kent County Fire-Rescue and Hanover County Fire-EMS entered into a unique pilot program to research how both localities can provide better service to citizens. Fire Chief Tommy Hicks of New Kent County approached Hanover Fire Chief Fred Crosby with a proposal to address some challenges his department had faced regarding response in the New Kent area bordering Black Creek.

Hicks was interested in utilizing the resources from Hanover Fire-EMS, Station 12 in Black Creek, to assist his county in both fire and EMS response. In return, Chief Hicks would provide an ambulance to Station 12 to be used for both Hanover and New Kent calls for service.

Since there are areas in New Kent that are very close to the Black Creek Fire Station # 12, Chief Hicks and Chief Crosby decided to place an ambulance in the Black Creek Fire Station for a three month trial

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period. The ambulance would be a resource available to both Hanover and New Kent, as would the fire equipment that is already housed at Station 12. After the trial period was over, it was determined that the pilot program was, indeed, a success. The ambulance and fire equipment responded on calls for service in both jurisdictions with great success, and "Medic 12" is now a permanent fixture within Hanover Fire-EMS and New Kent Fire-Rescue.

Medic 12 responds to approximately one or two calls a day, most of which are in Hanover County. It is a fully equipped advanced life support ambulance that is typically staffed Monday through Friday, from the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Most recently, Medic 12 was re-lettered and has both Hanover Fire-EMS and New Kent Fire-Rescue logos on it. "We don't want to confuse people" said Lt. Jason Williams of Hanover Fire-EMS, Station 12. "We want people to know that both counties are working together in an effort to provide the best service possible. It has really made a positive impact on both Hanover Fire-EMS and New Kent Fire-Rescue," said Williams.

Hanover Fire-EMS Station 12 is located at 6229 McClellan Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 and is the home of the Black Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

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