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Caroline County Department of Fire – Rescue and Emergency Management receives technology upgrade grant for Emergency Operations Center.

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Caroline, Virginia – The Caroline County Department of Fire – Rescue and Emergency Management is pleased to announce that it has been awarded an Emergency Management Performance (EMPG) competitive grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$19,228.00. This grant will fund technology upgrades to the County's current Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Fully capable emergency operations facilities at local levels are essential elements of a comprehensive national emergency management system and are necessary to ensure continuity of operations and continuity of government in major disasters caused by any hazard.

The project will provide a new server and laptop computers for each emergency support function throughout the EOC. Emergency officials will be able to simultaneously share and monitor multiple sources of information. Additionally this upgrade will provide improved tracking of requests of resources and supplies. "This grant will greatly strengthen our overall EOC capabilities. The use of this electronic media will provide the Department with a foundation to operate in a more efficient and effective manner. The ability to share real time information both within the EOC and with our other emergency partners is vital to the emergency management practices of today" said Fire – EMS Chief David Layman. The new equipment will also be available to support county training programs outside of EOC activations.

The Department will be utilizing support funds received from Dominion Power to meet grant funding match requirements. The Department is especially proud that no local taxpayer funds will be used in the acquisition of this new equipment. The Department continues to aggressively seek out grant opportunities to decrease the financial demands on local revenues.

The Department expects to have the new equipment operational by the end of July. For more information, contact the Department of Fire-Rescue & Emergency Management at (804) 633-9831.

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