



*County of Caroline*  
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### **Caroline High School Enhances Emergency Medical Technician Basic Program and Plans for Fire Sciences Program**

Caroline, VA – The Caroline County Department of Fire-Rescue and Caroline County Public Schools have teamed together to announce new updates and enhancements to the Emergency Medical Technician Basic Program which will be offered this fall. This program, held at Caroline High School, will be offered to juniors and seniors during the 2011-2012 school year. The Virginia Office of EMS is currently updating the curriculum and testing processes for all EMT programs offered statewide. Caroline High School is pleased to present the latest program offered in our region for this school year.

Beyond the updated EMT Basic curriculum, the Department of Fire-Rescue is including a more comprehensive Emergency Services program to include volunteer membership, real-world training, and career development to students who are interested in pursuing a career in this field. During the 2012-2013 school year, a new Fire Sciences Program

will be offered for the first time that will certify successful students with Fire Fighter Level 1, Fire Fighter Level 2, and Hazardous Materials Operations certifications. The knowledge and skills gained from both of these Emergency Services tracks will set these students on the right path to a successful career in the Fire and EMS field. The program will lend experience to any student looking at a medical, emergency management, or law enforcement career.

“The addition of a fire science program was the number one request from our students in a recent survey” stated Caroline High School Principal Harper Donahoe. “We are strongly committed to this educational partnership and look forward to offering this addition to our academic programs”. Instruction for these programs will be provided through a grant awarded to Department of Fire-Rescue from Department of Homeland Security SAFER program. This is a newly funded position which will bring a depth of instructional experience to both Fire-Rescue and the School System.

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