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Amherst County Expresses Gratitude to Monelison Volunteer Rescue Squad

Amherst County extends its deepest appreciation to the Monelison Volunteer Rescue Squad for their many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Amherst County. On December 1, 2024, Amherst County received a letter from the captain of the Monelison Volunteer Rescue Squad, informing them that, as of midnight on November 30, 2024, the squad would no longer be operating. The closing of this chapter marks a difficult transition, but it is important to acknowledge the vital work done by current and former members of the squad, who provided lifesaving care to those in need.

Volunteerism in emergency medical services (EMS) has seen a decline across the country, and Amherst County is no exception. The community recognizes the challenges that come with maintaining volunteer-based services, and the County is committed to ensuring that citizens continue to receive the highest level of care.

To that end, Amherst County Fire & EMS is well-positioned to meet the needs of the citizens of Monelison, as well as the entire county. In the summer of 2024, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors recognized the increasing demand for EMS services in the southern part of the county and responded by adding a second ambulance to the Monelison area. These two ambulances, along with those stationed in the northern end (Amherst) of the county and the Pedlar community, will be available 24/7, 365 days a year, to serve the citizens of Amherst County.

For those members and citizens who wish to volunteer in EMS, there remains an opportunity to volunteer with Amherst County Fire & EMS. Please contact our office at 434-946-9307.

Once again, Amherst County extends its heartfelt thanks to the Monelison Volunteer Rescue Squad for their tireless dedication to the well-being of our community.

Respectfully,

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