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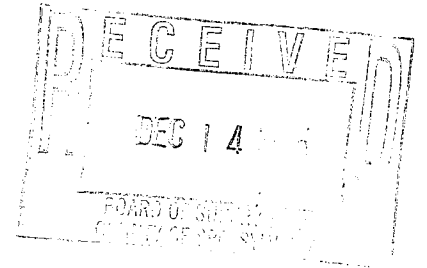
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December 9, 2015

Mr. Mark B. Taylor
County Administrator
P.O. Box 99
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The purpose of this letter is to request that Spotsylvania County budget during FY-2017 for on-going financial support of the regional Med-Flight Program.

Med-Flight-I is a collaborative effort among Chesterfield Fire & EMS, the Virginia State Police, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Virginia Department of Health. For over 30 years, the Virginia State Police has funded the helicopter and pilots and Chesterfield County has funded the flight paramedics, with financial assistance from localities and hospitals within Central Virginia. Beginning in FY-2016, VCU expanded its partnership in the program by providing flight paramedics, which reduced Chesterfield's total costs for the medical staff. This expanded partnership along with additional funding from the Virginia State Police reduces the amount of funding requested by Chesterfield County from the localities. If the additional funding from the State is not continued in future years, Chesterfield's costs for the program will increase and it will be necessary to increase the amount requested from the localities in Central Virginia in order to sustain this valuable program.

Over the last four fiscal years, Med-Flight-I answered 2,037 missions in the region and provided state-of-the-art aero-medical services to 1,193 patients. During that time period Med-Flight-I handled 5 missions in Spotsylvania County, accounting for 0% of the total missions in the region. As you prepare your FY-2017 budget, I am requesting that you include \$4100 in support of the Med-Flight-I Program. This per-capita based amount will help Chesterfield County to continue supporting the excellent aero-medical services your community has come to expect.

Please send all correspondence regarding the Med-Flight program to the following address:

Chesterfield Fire & EMS
Attn. Sherry Dunbar, Finance Unit Director
P.O. Box 40
Chesterfield, VA 23832

If you require any more specific information about this program for your FY-2017 budget process, please contact Chief Flight Paramedic, Lieutenant Gregory Jones in his office at (804) 743-2295 or by email at jonesg@chesterfield.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. As always, I appreciate your ongoing support, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



James J. L. Stegmaier
County Administrator

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