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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 \$38,714.50. 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 additional audio-visual screens and displays throughout the EOC. Emergency officials will be able to simultaneously share and monitor multiple sources of information. Additionally this upgrade will provide new hardware for telephone conference calls. "We are extremely excited about the capabilities of these new technologies. EOC representatives will be able to more effectively maintain overall situational awareness throughout all aspects of our emergency operations" 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. This process and other streamlined central purchasing programs are contributing to our overall fiscal improvement goals.

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

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