

# COUNTY OF CHATHAM

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## RESOLUTION VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADS EMERGENCY VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS

**WHEREAS,** Recognizing the vital role in protecting the lives and health of the citizens of Chatham County that is played by the rescue and ambulance personnel of Chatham County, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners establishes the following policy concerning funding of replacement Emergency Vehicles.

**WHEREAS,** The Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an Emergency Vehicle Capital Reserve within the Chatham County Budget.

**WHEREAS,** On July 1, 1986 the Board of Commissioners appropriated the sum of \$75,000 of unappropriated General Fund balance into the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund which was to be invested in the highest yielding manner by the County Finance Officer. This resolution will change the name of the fund from Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund to Emergency Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and include crash truck replacements.

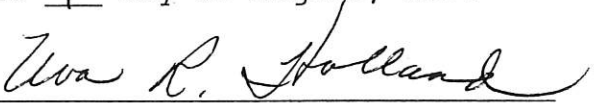
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** A policy is hereby established wherein the Commissioners may authorize payments from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund for acquisition of replacement ambulances and crash trucks under the following conditions.


- A. No payment may exceed 75% of the actual cost of the vehicle, not to exceed 75% of the cost of a N.C. State Contract price for a Type II ambulance. If no state contract exists for a Type II ambulance, the maximum participation by Chatham County shall not exceed \$30,000. Prior approval must be obtained from the County before the vehicle is ordered.

- B. The recipient rescue squad must agree to provide service to all residents, and to respond to all dispatches from the Central Communications without regard to race, age, national origin, physical or mental handicap, sex or nationality of the patient.
- C. Any vehicle purchased with County funds shall be insured for both liability and collision for \$1,000,000.00 naming the County as additional insured and be properly maintained by the rescue squad. Both the vehicle and the squad shall at all times meet the standards set by the State Office of Emergency Medical Services or other appropriate agency.
- D. No squad receiving assistance under this policy shall be eligible for assistance before the vehicle to be replaced has accumulated 80,000 miles or is five years old.
- E. If any funds are withdrawn from the ambulance Capital Reserve Fund, the Budget Officer is directed to include in the next annual budget sufficient appropriations to replace any funds withdrawn in the previous year.
- F. This policy applies only to the three volunteer squads in Chatham County, Goldston Rescue, East Chatham Rescue and Chatham Rescue.
- G. Only one state certified ambulance or one crash truck may be purchased by the same squad during any County fiscal year.
  - 1. Ambulances - Vehicle certified by the State of North Carolina as an ambulance.
  - 2. Crash Truck - Vehicle capable and main function is to carry rescue equipment to the scene of an emergency. The County's participation under this policy is limited to only one crash truck per squad.
- H. Any squad requesting money for replacement of ambulance or crash truck must sign an agreement containing item # B and C of this policy.

- I. This policy shall apply to any ambulance, crash truck or replacement chassis requested after the adoption date of this policy. This policy shall rescind all prior policies and contracts dealing with Chatham county's participation in replacement cost of ambulances to volunteer rescue squads.

Adopted this, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1995

  
Uva Holland, Chairman  
Chatham County Board of  
Commissioners

  
Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board  
Chatham County