



New designation benefits county EMS

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Recent action by the N.C. Office of Emergency Medical Services will benefit the county's EMS department, officials say.

The state has designated Currituck EMS as an Advanced Education Institution, effective as of last Monday. That means under the new designation Currituck EMS will be able to offer career development training to EMS staff without the oversight of another institution, such as College of The Albemarle. This will foster a more efficient recertification process by allowing county EMS trainers or administrators approve the required credentials of an EMS officer, officials say.

County EMS Chief Michael Carter says Currituck plans to eventually provide a course schedule that can be utilized by EMS staff throughout the region. In addition, the county will offer Medical Responder and Emergency Medical Technician-Basic courses to volunteers. Despite Currituck EMS' new designation, Carter emphasized that the agency will continue to work and cooperate with regional partners.

"It is still our intent to work very closely with COA, Albemarle Hospital, Albemarle Health and Davidson Community College to offer the most affordable and best education to our personnel and to northeastern North Carolina," Carter said. "But now we can take care of our own."

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