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Franklin County Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate Program Awarded Full Accreditation

The Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate program developed and operated by Franklin County Department of Public Safety has been awarded full accreditation by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services. This is a significant accomplishment, and all of those involved are pleased with the initial Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate program that was recently completed. Seventeen students completed the course and are currently in the various testing phases to become nationally registered. The students in the pilot program were comprised of both career and volunteer emergency medical service providers from Franklin County, Roanoke County, Botetourt County, Henry County and Martinsville City.

It is fortunate that this program was established in Franklin County as this affords volunteer providers in the area the opportunity obtain advanced life support training locally. Prior to this, Franklin County emergency medical service providers were forced to travel to the Roanoke and Martinsville areas to obtain advanced life support training.

Chad Blosser, Training and Development Specialist with the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, conducted a site visit on May 21. In a follow-up letter to program director Michael Pruitt, Blosser noted that he found "no substantial deficiencies in the structure or administration of your program..."

Congratulations are in order to all the students, instructors, and staff who helped to make this program a success!