



# RINER RESCUE ESTABLISHED AS INDEPENDENT SQUAD

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**Montgomery County, Virginia** – Riner Rescue, 4309 Riner Rd., was established as an independent squad on March 14. It has operated as a satellite station of Christiansburg Rescue since 2004.

“The community has grown and the needs are greater than ever for a local squad,” said Montgomery County’s Emergency Services Coordinator Neal Turner.

In June 2010, the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission approached County Administrator Craig Meadows with a request to form an independent squad to serve the Riner area. After the Board of Supervisors expressed support, an oversight committee was appointed to oversee the transformation of Riner Rescue from a satellite station to its own entity.

On March 14, the Riner Volunteer Rescue Squad successfully passed inspection by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and was declared an independent rescue squad.

“The members of the Riner Squad have been faithful and endured a number of setbacks getting to this point,” Turner said. “They have stayed focused on their goal and now that the Riner Volunteer Rescue Squad is independent, they have a greater work to do. They will be providing emergency care to the Riner area, which includes Pilot, Graysontown and Childress. The new squad will cover the same territory as the Riner Fire Department and will often work hand-in-hand with them. The squad will be charged with approximately 76 square miles of Montgomery County.”



*PJ Fleenor, Emergency Medical Services Program Representative Supervisor (third from left), presents the Operational License to Captain Jason Roop (second from left). Watching on the far left is Riner Rescue Board of Directors member Joe Wade, on the far right is Vice Chair of the Riner Rescue Board of Directors Sue Thacker and to her left is Christiansburg Rescue Squad Captain Kelly Walters.*

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At its March 28 meeting, the Board of Supervisors confirmed the establishment of the independent rescue squad.

The Riner Volunteer Rescue Squad is funded by the County and private donations. The squad is always interested in increasing their membership and is currently accepting applications. If you are interested in becoming a member of the squad or donating to their cause, please contact them at 381-6043.



*The station is located at 4309 Riner Rd., Riner.*

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