

PRESS RELEASE – IMMEDIATE

Leland Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department, Inc. is proud to announce it has taken another step in improving the quality of safety to the citizens and visitors of Northern Brunswick County. At 3pm on 29 December 2008, the department began operations as Brunswick County's third EMT-Paramedic level service and Brunswick County's only non-municipal EMT-Paramedic Emergency Medical Services. As such on 5 January 2009 at 1pm we would like to invite members of the media and community to visit our station and have a meet and greet with department leaders, elected officials, and department Paramedics.

Talking points;

- LVFRD is Brunswick County's second highest volume EMS provider with over 2,800 calls for service in 2008. (1,975 in 2007)
- LVFRD is Brunswick County's highest volume Fire Department with over 700 calls for service in 2008 (657 in 2007)
- Total will exceed 3,600 emergency requests for service
- LVFRD currently has 19 NC Credentialed Paramedics
- LVFRD is Brunswick County's only State Certified Heavy Rescue Provider
- LVFRD is a combination department with 18 Career Staff members, approximately 65 volunteers, 5 High School Cadets, and two life time Honorary Members
- LVFRD was founded originally as Leland Volunteer Fire Department in 1959 and Leland Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1968. The two departments merged in 1998