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### News Release

#### QRVs to Continue Operating in Lanes Creek and New Salem

**October 16, 2012, Monroe, NC** – The Union County Board of Commissioners have approved the use of \$300,000 of accumulated reserves from Union County EMS’s budget to fund Quick Response Vehicles (QRVs) for the Lanes Creek and New Salem service areas for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2013.

In July, commissioners were advised that EMS intended to eliminate QRVs from the Lanes Creek and New Salem service areas. A month later, Commissioner Jonathan Thomas, County Manager Cindy Coto and EMS Director Scott Shew attended a community meeting at Lanes Creek fire station to listen to concerns from citizens in the area.

“That night was moving to hear some of the stories of how QRVs have saved lives,” Commissioner Thomas said.

The County will address a long-term solution for maintaining QRVs in the area during Fiscal Year 2014 budget discussions.

“I look forward to being part of the budget process to find some type of financially sustainable formula that will keep the QRVs in this area for the foreseeable future,” Commissioner Thomas added.

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