

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: May 8, 2001
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Richard M. Miller, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Emergency Preemption Equipment Agreement

James City County has installed emergency traffic preemption equipment, commonly known as Opticom, at various signalized traffic intersections around the County. This equipment permits emergency vehicles to control the traffic signals, improving safety and response times for fire apparatus.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has offered an agreement to install and maintain the equipment with conditions. Under these conditions James City County is responsible for the purchase of equipment for existing intersections, purchase of transmitters for our emergency vehicles, and training of our personnel on the proper use of the equipment. The County also agrees to provide training on the installation, operation, and maintenance of the equipment to VDOT personnel. VDOT agrees to purchase and install the equipment on all future signalized intersections as well as maintenance and repair of installed equipment.

The County Attorney's office has approved the agreement for form.

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution.

Richard Miller

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Attachment