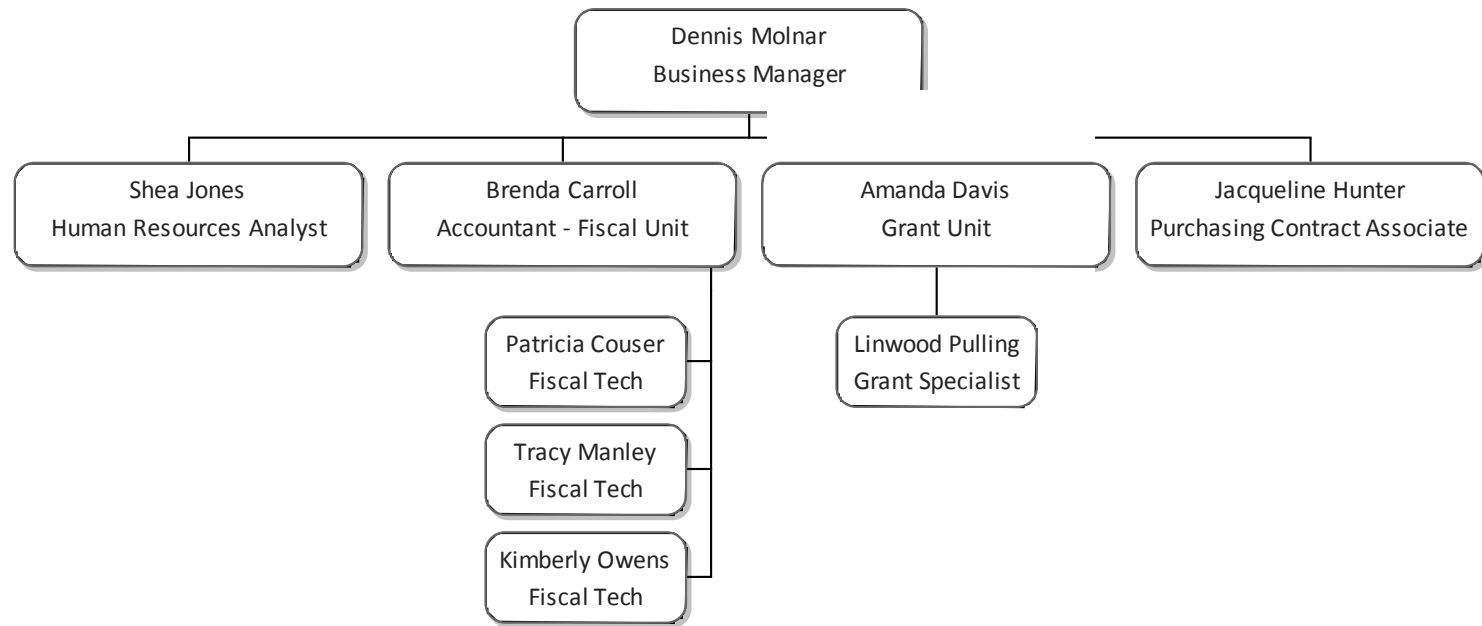


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History of EMS Funding

- **1968** – Office of Emergency Medical Services established ; *state general funds and federal funds*.
- **1978** – **Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund** created by legislation. First grants awarded in June 1979.
- **1983** – **“One For Life”** legislation, adding a \$1.00 fee on motor vehicle registration to support EMS.
- **1990** – **“Two For Life”** legislation passed.
- **2002** – **“Four for Life”** legislation passed; withheld funding
- **2006** – **“Four for Life”** was fully enacted
- **2008** – **“Four for Life”** increase by \$0.25
- **2010** – Budget Amendment approved a \$2.00 increase in funding:
 - General Fund (\$10,518,587)
 - VA State Police (\$2,052,723)

46.2-694 Code of Virginia

Para. 13 – EMS Funding

Commonly referred to as “Four for Life” Funding

- **\$4.25 of vehicle registration:**
 - \$0.25 for the costs associated with the ***certification and recertification training*** of EMS personnel.
 - \$4.00 set aside for emergency medical service purposes.
- **Distribution of these funds shall be:**
 - \$0.25 shall be deposited into the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (*Special Dedicated – 0910*)
 - \$4.00 portion is distributed as follows:
 - Special Fund – 0213
 - 2% - Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads
 - 30% - State Department of Health to support
 - 10% - State Department of Health for OEMS operations
 - 26% - Return to Locality in which vehicle was registered
 - Special Dedicated – 0910
 - 32% - Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (Grant Program)

Additional \$2.00 in DMV Registration Fees

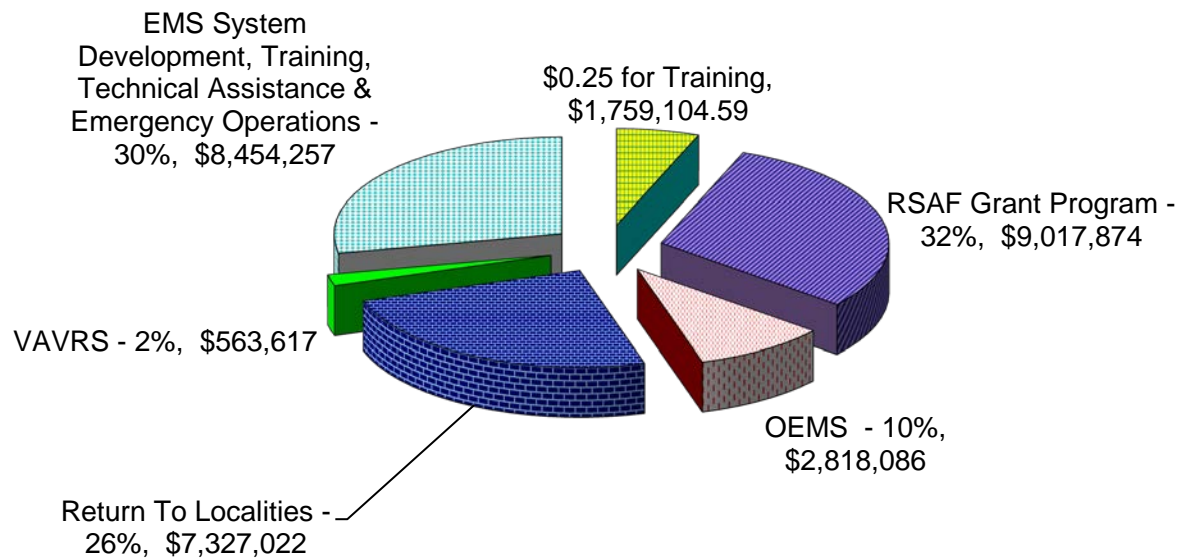
Set-Aside General Fund and State Police

- Projected revenue of \$12,518,587 to support the General Fund and VA State Police (med-flight):
 - \$10,518,587 to the **General Fund**
 - \$2,052,723 to the Department of State Police for aviation (med-flight) operations.
 - Note: Additional \$1,045,375 from the RSAF grant fund.

Four for Life Funds – DMV Transfer of Funds in FY2014

\$29,939,960

Code of Virginia § 46.2-694



Return to Localities 26%

46.2-694 Code of Virginia

- Shall be returned to the locality in which vehicle is registered.
- Funds to be used by licensed, nonprofit or governmental EMS agencies for:
 - Training of Volunteer or Salaried EMS personnel
 - Purchase of Necessary Equipment & Supplies
- Funds shall NOT be used to supplant
 - local funds or
 - RSAF grant
- Local governing body shall report on the use of these funds.
 - If a report is NOT submitted funds for the next FY will be withheld until such report is received.

Return to Localities 26%

Listing of Potential Uses

- **Training Related Expenses to include:**

- textbooks, workbooks
- supplies used in training
- training equipment (manikins, films, videos, etc)
- expenses related to certification programs
- expenses associated with specialty training programs
- regional training programs

- **Equipment & Supplies to:**

- gain access to patients
- assess patient's medical condition
- provide immediate medical care
- transport patient to medical facility
- communicate with dispatcher/medical facility
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for EMT personnel

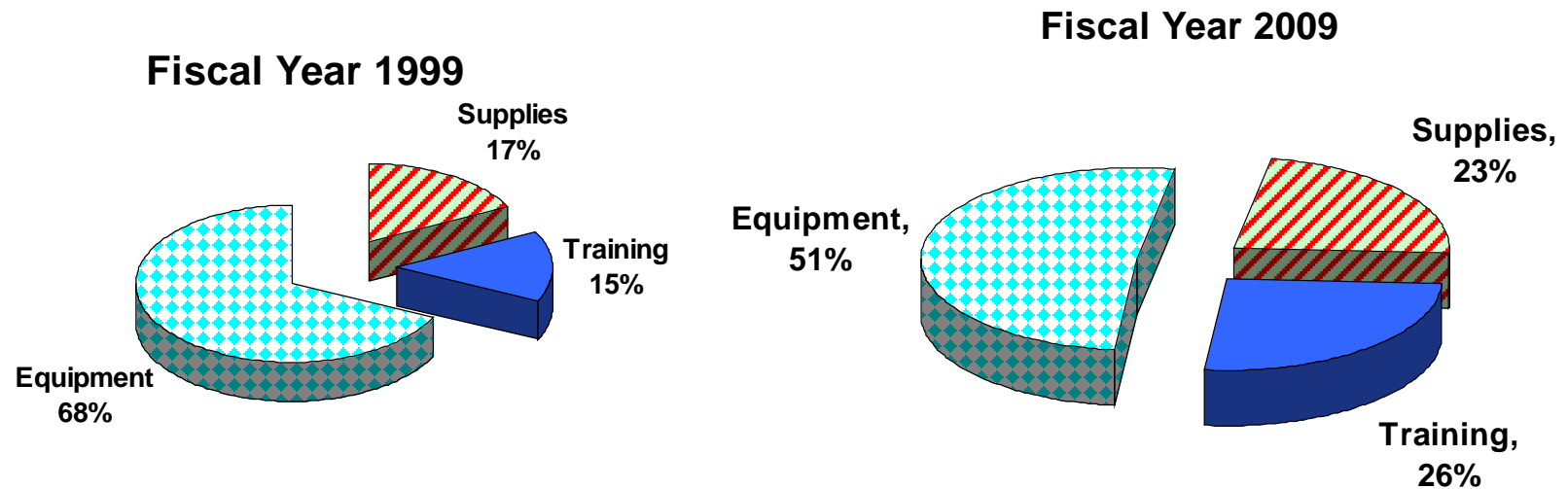
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Items that do NOT conform with the intent

- Furnishings or appliances for squad buildings
- Vehicle/building maintenance items
- Building utilities (electric, gas, water, telephone, etc)
- Housekeeping expenses
- Capital improvements
- Special use equipment for fire suppression
- Fund raising or public relations
- Office management
- Law enforcement
- Firefighter PPE/turnout gear
- Fund raising or public relations expenses
- Articles of clothing (t-shirts, hats, etc) that are not personal protective clothing

Return to Localities 26%

How funds were spent by the localities



32.1-111.12. Virginia Rescue Squads Assistance Fund

- For the purpose of providing financial assistance to rescue squads and other emergency medical services organizations in the Commonwealth
 - For providing the requisite training for emergency medical service personnel, and of purchasing equipment needed by such rescue squads and organizations,
 - Created in the Department of the Treasury a special non-reverting fund which shall be known as the Virginia Rescue Squads Assistance Fund.
 - any such moneys unexpended at the end of a fiscal biennium shall remain in the Fund and shall not revert to the general fund.
- Code established the Financial Assistance and Review Committee (FARC)
 - 6 members; representatives of the regions encompassed by the emergency medical services councils.
 - Appointed by the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.
 - The Financial Assistance and Review Committee shall:
 - 1. Administer the Rescue Squads Assistance Fund in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health as shall be established for the Fund;
 - 2. Review the Rescue Squads Assistance Fund grant applications from eligible emergency medical services agencies and make recommendations on the funding of such grant applications to the Commissioner of Health; and
 - 3. Report biannually, after each funding cycle,
 - # of grant applications received,
 - Total costs of grant applications funded,
 - # of grant applications denied funding, t
 - Total costs of grant applications denied funding, and the nature of the denied requests and the reasons for denying funding, to the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board and the Commissioner.

RESCUE SQUAD ASSISTANCE FUND (RSAF) GRANT PROGRAM

- \$9 + million available annually.
- Requires matching funds
 - Regular 50/50
 - Hardship 80/20 (special circumstances)
 - Unusual 100/0 (extreme cases)
- Two Grant Cycles Annually
 - Deadlines - March 15th and September 15th
 - Awards – July 1st and January 1st
- The primary goal of this program is to financially assist non-profit EMS agencies and organizations to purchase
 - EMS Equipment
 - EMS Training
 - EMS Supplies
 - Other EMS initiatives, programs and projects.
- RSAF is primarily a reimbursement grant that requires the grantee to make the purchase for the awarded item/program/project and then submit an **invoice** for reimbursement.

Other Sources of Revenues & Programs

- Trauma Fund – (> \$9,700,000)
 - Fund Code 0902 - - Special Dedicated Funds
 - 18.2-270.01. Multiple (DUI) offenders; payment to Trauma Center Fund.
 - 46.2-411. Reinstatement of suspended or revoked license or other privilege to operate or register a motor vehicle
 - Pass through to 14 designated Trauma Centers
- Federal Grants
 - EMS for Children (\$130,000)

Questions

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