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Bertie Co. changes ambulance schedule

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WINDSOR - "We have come a long way."

This is how Bertie County Emergency Management Director Mitch Cooper described the county's emergency and nonemergency services last week.

Cooper presented to the Bertie County Commissioners a report on both systems for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

"This is year seven for EMS and year five for nonemergency transport operations for the county," said Cooper.

One of the first items presented was the new equip-

ment being used by Bertie County Emergency Services.

According to Cooper, the use of the Lifeline Automated chest compression system has been beneficial throughout the county in saving lives.

The equipment provides quality chest compressions for up to an hour and a half

on one-battery charge.

"This is a true benefit. We had two saves last week while using this for chest compressions," he added.

"Are there one of these on every truck?" asked Bertie County Commissioner Tammy Lee.

"We have one on the Colerain truck, Lewiston truck,

one in the Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) in Windsor and one more available for order," Cooper answered.

"What is the cost for this equipment?" asked Chairman John Trent.

"This typically run about \$7,800 apiece," replied Cooper.

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Caught twice in one day

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WINDSOR - Tips from citizens and surveillance by the Windsor Police Department led to multiple arrests last week.

Windsor Police Lt. Frank Ratzlaff said two officers were conducting surveillance of a "known drug area" Nov. 7 due to a tip received by Sgt. Jason Thomas.

Sgt. Thomas and Officer Jessie Mizelle stopped a vehicle after occupants were seen to be making a transaction. After stopping the car, Officer Mizelle saw the driver attempt to conceal contraband inside the vehicle.

The suspects were removed from the vehicle and officers were able to locate illegal substances on both men.

The driver, Randy Jake Ray, 27, was found to possess two packages of heroin. The passenger, Dalton Christopher Conner, 29, was found to possess Schedule V narcotics.

In addition, officers found 217 Schedule V pills inside the vehicle.

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Bertie County Emergency Services personnel meet with students at Vidant Bertie Hospital's Community Safety Day.

Community Safety is key

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WINDSOR - It is all about safety.

Vidant Bertie hospital and other local first responder organizations hosted the Community Safety Day at the old Bertie High School Gymnasium.

The event, in its fourth year, was hosted for preschoolers, kindergartners and first grade students across Bertie County.

The event's purpose is to let the community children know who and what



Windsor Fire Chief Josh Kilpatrick explains fire safety to youngsters at the annual Community Safety event held at the former Bertie High School gym.

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Towns retain leaders

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The vast majority of municipalities in Bertie County maintained their current leadership.

Last Tuesday, voters went to the polls to choose leadership for every town in the county. Unofficial results showed most of the towns maintained their current mayors and commissioners.

The only place changes were made was in the town of Kelford where at least one - and possibly two - new board members were elected.

Randy D. Robtoy was elected with 29 votes for the Kelford Board of Commissioners while Kenneth Ray Cain, the other newcomer, is tied for the fifth and final seat with incumbent Wayne Bland.

Wade "Tim" Emory (35 votes), John "Timmy" Eaton and Jim T. Harrell (25) were each re-elected to the board.

Bertie County Elections Director Sheila Holloman said either of the candidates may request a recount to see if the tie can be broken.

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Report focuses on Bertie's 'world-class waterways'

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WINDSOR - The Bertie County Commissioners and the town of Windsor Commissioners held a called joint meeting last month.

During the meeting, both boards received a second re-

port from Dr. Stan Riggs and Dr. Robert Christian about the flood dynamics in the Bertie Water Crescent.

Both noted that Bertie County has world-class waters in the Roanoke River, Cashie River, Salmon Creek, Chowan River and the Albemarle Sound.

"I envision the Bertie-Windsor Water Crescent being recognized as part of the National Water Trail System in the future," said Dr. Riggs.

Dr. Riggs continued his remarks, noting that he had some important news to share with both boards.

"At the September meet-

ing of the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Meeting, funding in the amount \$350,258 was approved to support the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust (NCCLT) in its efforts to acquire the 300-acre Bal Gra tract in Bertie County," Dr. Riggs added.

The NCCLT has sought funding from several sources, and the Clean Water Management Trust Funding was the component to make this acquisition possible.

Dr. Riggs pointed out the grant approval was a direct

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