

# SOP 204.03 Update

In order to better communicate our EMS apparatus capabilities within the region, Beginning on April 1, 2016, A BLS staffed Ambulance will be referred to as **“Ambulance”** and not as **“Rescue”**.

In the past our EMS unit designation has led to confusion between and EMS transport units and Heavy Rescues.



## “Ambulance”

A Basic/Advanced life support transport vehicle that meets all the standards set forth by the Virginia Department of Health and is staffed by a basic life support (EMT Basic or Enhanced) crew.

## “Medic”

A Basic/Advanced life support transport vehicle that meets all the standards set forth by the Virginia Department of Health and is staffed by an advanced life support (EMT Intermediate or Paramedic) crew.