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For over 60 years, the members of the Highland County Volunteer Rescue Squad have been honored to provide emergency medical services throughout the County.

The Volunteers were extremely disappointed with the action by the Board of Supervisors on April 11 revoking their authority to operate in the County. The Board violated state law concerning the regulation of emergency medical services and failed to provide the community with a meaningful opportunity to provide input before taking action.

Earlier today, the Volunteers filed a lawsuit requesting that the Board's decision be declared void due to numerous legal deficiencies. The Volunteers have also asked for a preliminary injunction that will allow them to resume operations while the lawsuit is pending. Otherwise, the emergency medical services available in the County will likely be insufficient in circumstances where a slight delay may mean the difference between life and death.

Over the course of a half-century, the Volunteers have formed valued relationships from helping friends and neighbors who suddenly find themselves in a time of urgent need. The Volunteers hope that today's filings represent the first step towards resuming a vital role in the community that has spanned generations.