

MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Board of Supervisors

From: Frank J. Rogers, County Administrator FJR

Subject: Line of Duty Act (LODA) for Private Police Officers

Date: July 24, 2023

Background:

On July 17, 2023 the Nelson County Administrator reached out to other County Administrators across the state to invite our support of the attached resolution. The request is in response to the tragic death of Wintergreen Police Officer, Mark Christopher “Chris” Wagner. Officer Wagner lost his life in the line of duty on June 16, 2023.

Discussion:

Officers of private police departments are not presently afforded benefits available under the Line of Duty Act (LODA), Virginia Code Section 9.1-400 et. seq. The request is for the County to endorse Nelson’s request that the General Assembly enact legislation to provide private police offers the LODA benefits.

I have conferred with Sheriff Clark who is in support of this request.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board adopt a resolution in support of Nelson County’s requested amendment to State Code regarding LODA benefits for private police officers.