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Northern Berkshire EMS Fund Drive **'THERE WHEN YOU NEED US'**

Dear Residents of North Adams, Clarksburg, Florida, Monroe, Rowe, Williamstown, Hancock, New Ashford, Stamford, VT and Readsboro, VT,

On January 1, 2018, North Adams Ambulance and Village Ambulance Service merged into a single non-profit service, Northern Berkshire EMS (NBEMS). This merger has created a strong, financially stable service that is able to provide the highest quality emergency care to our communities, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. NBEMS is fortunate to have strong managerial leadership and a skilled group of providers who are dedicated to our communities. Service has been strengthened to all of our service area and NBEMS will continue to have bases in North Adams and Williamstown. We now have 9 ambulances, 98 employees and anticipate making 10,000 calls for service in 2018.

The constantly changing healthcare landscape nationally coupled with decreased insurance reimbursements continues to challenge the ambulance industry nationally. In fact, many small ambulance companies have been forced to close because of these factors. We pride ourselves in running a fiscally sound service. However, in order to offer the most up to date service we must continue to make operational changes that are costly but necessary to meet the needs of the community. **NBEMS does not receive subsidies from any of the communities it serves nor does it receive any state or federal subsidy.** Our Income comes solely from insurance reimbursement and the generosity of our community from our annual fund drive. Your support is important to offset our significant operational costs not covered by those insurance reimbursements.

Your donation is tax deductible!

Because of your past generosity we were able to replace our aging fleet, upgrade our stretchers to PowerLoad systems, and provide training opportunities to our providers. This year the goal is to replace one of our nine ambulances and expand our training programs. The cost of replacing an ambulance exceeds \$145,000 and upgrades has significantly increased throughout the years. Your support is crucial in helping us meet this goal!

State of the art emergency services, provided by dedicated, skilled professionals, are essential for the well-being of our communities and NBEMS is proud to provide those services. It is difficult to imagine the health consequences to the region if NBEMS was not available. In order to maintain the level of service that you have come to expect, the financial support of our communities is essential. Every donation, no matter how large or small is important. **Those who contribute more than \$50.00 or more will be recognized as a Star of Life donor, the symbol that represents Emergency Medical Services.**

We are deeply grateful for your past generosity.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Moulton, Jr., President
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