

**Recommending The Creation Of A Volunteer Coordinator For
Emergency Medical Services In Ulster County**

The Health Services Committee (Chairman Robert Parete and Legislators Briggs, Stoeckeler, Terpening, Petit, Roberti and Ronk) and Legislators Bischoff, Cahill, Dart, Decker, Donaldson, Gregorius, Hochberg, Lomita, Loughran, Richard Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Sheeley, and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") are a branch of emergency services dedicated to providing out-of-hospital acute medical care and/or transport to definitive care, to patients with illnesses and injuries which the patient, or the medical practitioner, believes constitute a medical emergency, and

WHEREAS, the goal of emergency medical services is to provide treatment to those in need of urgent medical care, with the goal of satisfactorily treating the injury / illness , and arranging for timely transportation of the patient to the next level of definitive care, and

WHEREAS, the term Emergency Medical Service evolved to reflect a change from a simple transportation system (ambulance service) to a system in which actual medical care occurred in addition to transportation, and

WHEREAS, in Ulster County, it is volunteers and career personnel, who serve as the backbone of the local Fire Departments, Emergency Responders and Ambulance Squads and we in County government recognize these Emergency Responders and are committed to supporting them to ensure the safety of all Ulster County's residents and visitors. The EMS Coordinator works closely with the Ulster County Office of Emergency Management, Ulster County Emergency Medical Services Council, Ulster County Fire Advisory Board, Ulster County Fire Coordinators, Law Enforcement, Ulster County Department of Health and the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council. The EMS Coordinator is the Ulster County contact person for the New York State Dept of Health, Bureau of EMS, to pass information and possible funding sources for EMS education and preparedness to the EMS / Fire agencies of Ulster County. The EMS Coordinator is a resource for the Emergency Service Agencies and is there to assist them and assist with coordination of resources during a multi jurisdictional response, and

WHEREAS, the Health Services Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature is recommending the creation of a Volunteer Coordinator for EMS services in Ulster County and supports the Ulster County Emergency Medical Services Council's appointment of Richard K. Parrish to the position of the Ulster County Emergency Medical Services Volunteer Coordinator, and, be it further

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RESOLVED, the Ulster County Emergency Medical Services Volunteer Coordinator shall issue a biennial report to the County Legislature and County Executive,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Decker, Felicello
and Shapiro)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK
ss:
COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 9th Day of September, 2009, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 10th Day of September in the year Two Thousand and Nine.

/s/ Mary L. Carey
Mary L. Carey, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
11th Day of September, 2009.

Approved by the County Executive this
_____ Day of September, 2009.

/s/ Mary L. Carey
Mary L. Carey, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Michael P. Hein, County Executive