

“Support Local”

Town’s Motto

Good Evening,

As we all know, fire, police, and EMS services are a necessary part of a healthy working community. This is not a problem unique to only our community. Ticonderoga EMS has been servicing the residents of our community for over 74 years. Through difficult times and even pandemics, Ticonderoga EMS has been there, even when its members have placed their own physical and mental well-being at risk. Currently, some of the biggest concerns for the EMS system revolves around a lack of volunteerism. People are reluctant to spend hours of their own time training in a high risk but high rewards organization that provides thousands of volunteer hours annually helping other people at their greatest time of need.

In order to provide quality care to our fellow neighbors, we need the Town’s support and monetary assistance. Four years ago, I spoke to the board and made the statement that within five years, we will need to become a fully paid agency. I am proud to say that this isn’t entirely the case. Our volunteers spent 4,485 additional hours on EMS calls in 2022 and look forward to doing the same in the future. Our agency has a proud history. Tonight, two men are home with their families due to the fantastic efforts from our volunteer members who did not hesitate to help at the perfect time.

Here we are, five years later. We are very fortunate to have a second volunteer crew available during 8-6pm....seven days a week.

A challenge for every EMS agency in the United States right now is providing cost-effective treatment for patients when they need it. Just like every other business that was affected by inflation, the cost of providing help to others has increased. The cost of medications, supplies and insurances have increased by at least 9% this year. Most of these medication, and supplies are mandated by the Department of Health in the state of NY.

Ticonderoga EMS has some fantastic ideas for fundraising events for 2023. We have applied for equipment grants in order to repair and update our current lifesaving equipment. We have increased our billing rates and explored the option of following up with those patients that have not met their financial obligations. However, these efforts will only cover a small amount of our expenses at Ticonderoga EMS.

Ticonderoga EMS is asking for your continued support. I know there will be questions related to the operational control of our district. As stated in last month’s meeting by Mr. Hannigan, our attorney, more transparency will be awarded to the board and questions can be more

readily asked and answered. Ticonderoga EMS is a not for profit organization. We are here for one reason only, to provide help to those in need.

Thank you for your consideration and time.