



Ross/West View

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Message from the Chief

Hello Neighbors,

Ross/West View EMSA has a long history of providing comprehensive medical and rescue services to the communities in the North Hills of Pittsburgh.

EMS systems across the United States are struggling and going out of business. This problem has been growing for years and is coming to a breaking point across Pennsylvania and certainly in our area. Ross/West View EMSA in partnership with our communities, have taken steps to manage this problem and assure EMS services are provided for years to come. We have worked to develop a sustainable funding solution that assures the future operations of Ross/West View EMSA, and most importantly, the fast and dedicated delivery of services to every person that calls 911.

Ross/West View EMSA has been receiving municipal funding support since 2010. Along with that support, we have made concessions on how we do business. Purchasing used vehicles, delaying or not replacing capital equipment, delaying or not repairing facility needs, and most importantly, limiting staff wages and benefits to below industry standards. We can no longer sustain without significant change. Our voluntary subscription program averaged 20%-22% return with almost 80% of the community not supporting EMS.

Developing a sustainable funding solution has been my top priority since becoming Director of Ross/West View EMSA. A Municipal Funding Committee was formed in 2022 composed of elected officials and municipal managers from the five communities we serve, as well as Ross/West View EMS Staff and members of our Board of Directors.

The EMS Fee is mandatory and will replace our current subscription program and municipal funding support. In the event you need to use emergency ambulance services every resident and business owner/employee will be eligible for a 100% write-off of any out-of-pocket expenses not covered by insurance.

The new fee is assurance that Ross/West View EMSA will have staff, vehicles, and equipment required to provide around the clock emergency protection for you and your family. Residents and businesses in our service area will be billed annually for the EMS Fee.

For Additional information, visit our funding page or please contact Greg Porter, Executive Director, Ross/West View ESMA at 412-931-8200 or gporter@rwvems.org