



Northern Berkshire EMS
&
Northern Berkshire Transport
 10 Harris Street • P.O. Box 1045
 North Adams, MA 01247



Board of Directors

Paul Ethier
President

Dr. Erwin Stuebner, MD
Vice President

Bryan Tanner
Vice President

Edward F. Nimmons
Treasurer

Edward Morandi
Secretary

Kim Clark, RN

Dr. Paul Donovan, DO

Adam Filson, esq.

John R. Leu

Hedy Lipetz

Carl Marchegiani

David Moresi

Michael Noyes

David Rempell

Thomas Rumbolt, esq.

General Manager

John Meaney, Jr.

Office Managers

Paige Gleason
North Adams Office

Pamela Costine
Williamstown Office

Paratransit Director

Angela Swistak

December 2020
 Northern Berkshire EMS & Northern Berkshire Transport Fund Drive
‘THERE WHEN YOU NEED US’

Dear Valued Residents,

Northern Berkshire EMS (NBEMS) and Northern Berkshire Transport (NBT) provide the highest quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transportation services to Northern Berkshire and Southern Vermont. We are fortunate to have strong leadership and skilled group of employees that make these services possible. With operations based in both North Adams and Williamstown our 98 employees, 8 ambulances, 10 chairvans and support units answer nearly 15,000 calls for service annually.

This year has been like no other! In February 2020, NBEMS answered the first call for COVID-19 in our region. Our crews have been tirelessly providing patients and clients with the best possible pre-hospital care and transportation throughout this pandemic. During this pandemic, our crews face the challenges of new protocols and CDC guidance daily. Every call now requires additional screening, donning of PPE (gloves, gowns, face shields, surgical masks, and N95 masks), and new standard operating procedures.

The constantly changing healthcare landscape, coupled with decreased insurance reimbursements, continues to challenge our industry nationally. In fact, many ambulance and non-emergency transport companies have been forced to close because of these factors. We pride ourselves on running a fiscally sound service. COVID-19 has driven the cost of medical supplies and operations over the past year. 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 update our aging fleet, upgrade our stretchers to PowerLoad systems, and provide training opportunities to our employees. This year the goal is to replace one ambulance and one chairvan at a total cost of \$180,000. Your support is crucial in helping us meet this goal!

State of the art services provided by dedicated, skilled professionals, are essential for the well-being of our communities and NBEMS/NBT is proud to provide those services. It is difficult to imagine the health consequences to the region if NBEMS/NBT was not available. In order to maintain the level of service that you have come to expect, the financial support of our communities has become increasingly essential. Every donation, no matter how large or small, is important. **Those who contribute \$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. Please remember to socially distance, wear a mask and stay safe!

Sincerely yours,

Paul Ethier, President
 Board of Directors