



**PENNINGTON ROAD FIRST AID UNIT**

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Dear Ewing Resident:

No one should fall victim to serious illness or accident. While we don't like to think about such things, we should be prepared to deal with them. Should you need emergency medical assistance, you are largely prepared because we are here to help you.

**Pennington Road First Aid Unit is the only volunteer emergency medical service (EMS) in Ewing Township.**

Our professional volunteers are people just like you; they juggle family, careers, and school. But, for nearly 60 years, Pennington Road First Aid Unit volunteers have been continuing a tradition of faithful service to Ewing Township by squeezing a little more time from their lives **to help you**. Members receive training as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), including life-saving cardiac defibrillation for victims of sudden cardiac death. Many also receive additional specialized training in pediatrics, trauma care, hazardous materials, technical rescue, and domestic preparedness. Many of our current volunteers have careers in healthcare (paramedics, nurses, etc.) You get the benefit of their additional skills, expertise, and experience for free. Our other volunteers get enriched learning experiences from them, making our team more effective for you. We need your continued financial support for our dedicated volunteer professionals to continue providing you with quality care, latest techniques and equipment.

**PLEASE, HELP US TO HELP YOU! Our operations are NOT funded by billing or municipal tax dollars.**

**Donations** pay for our supplies, fuel, vehicle maintenance, specialized training, protective equipment, community programs, and more. Your financial support can give you the peace of mind that the help you may need will be adequately prepared. Local officials have praised our volunteers and the quality of professional service they provide. We routinely receive letters of thanks, compliments, and commendation. Your generous funding also sends a message to our volunteers that you respect and appreciate the time and effort they give to protect **your** health and life **free of charge**. A single municipal or private ambulance ride can be very expensive, costing \$400-\$2,500! It would cost Ewing residents and patients well over \$400,000 in extra local taxes, health insurance payments, and service fees to replace the service we currently provide. Should you need our **free** services, your donation is an investment whose value is returned to you several fold. Many of you already know that.

**We balance a budget and money is very tight for us, too. But, PLEASE HELP by giving what you can afford.**

We are not asking for a specific amount. However, if every family and business in Ewing Township contributed just \$25, less than 7¢ a day, we would have all the revenue needed to answer your calls for assistance in the next year. While not everybody has given in the past, we hope that every business and residence will contribute this year to adequately fund our volunteers.

**WE DO NOT BILL FOR OUR VOLUNTEER SERVICES.**

Our expenses are defrayed by your donations. However, other providers of emergency medical services charge for their services. None of the fees they collect come to us.

- Ewing Township operates a weekday municipal ambulance service supported by your local taxes. They additionally charge a fee for transport. Questions regarding these charges should be directed to the Township Administration.
- Some patients may need advanced care by paramedics and nurses from the Capital Health System Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU). This service is also known as the Mercer County "Lifemobile." These charges come from the hospital system.
- A private company may bill for non-emergency ambulance service to or from Ewing.
- When surges in demand for EMS occur, paid EMS crews from Trenton, Lawrence, the Hopewell Valley, Capital Health System, or the Robert Wood Johnson Health Network may handle excess emergency calls and may bill for their services.
- **Volunteer** ambulances from surrounding areas that may respond into Ewing **do not charge** for their services.

**(Over, please, for more information.)**

**DETACH HERE and send with your donation. (Complete both sides of this form.)**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check amount: ( ) \$30      ( ) \$40      ( ) \$50      ( ) \$75      ( ) \$100      Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you join us?**

- ( ) Sorry, I do not want to volunteer.
- ( ) Yes, I would like to learn more about becoming a Pennington Road First Aid Unit volunteer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR DONATING GOODS AND SERVICES

We would like to thank those who donated goods, services, or time this past year. Maybe you have certain talents or your business has services or goods to donate to the First Aid Unit or its volunteer members. Contact us!

### WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Small things can make a big difference. Here is how you can help yourself and maybe others:

- Assure your house number is easily visible from the road or on your mailbox.
- Be alert for and yield to emergency vehicles by promptly pulling to the far right side of the road then stopping until they pass. They may be responding to your home, family, or friend.
- Cars displaying blue flashing or revolving lights are volunteer EMTs or firefighters responding to an official emergency. Afford them the same courtesy as emergency vehicles.
- Keep a current summary of your medical history, medical/food allergies, and routine medications handy. A sample can be found at our web site.

### NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

If you are at least 16 years old and can afford to donate several hours each month to serve your community, we strongly encourage you to consider joining the Pennington Road First Aid Unit. We will see that you get the proper training and experience, so don't let that stop you from applying. The more active members we have, the less time each member must contribute for us to continue to provide effective coverage. Every new active volunteer member enhances our effectiveness, ability, and flexibility serving your needs.

People often assume that their neighbor or someone else will volunteer, so they don't. We hope YOU will set the example and help reverse this trend TODAY. The President, Governor, and local officials are calling upon more citizens to volunteer, strengthen their communities, and improve preparedness. Meet new people and learn new skills that will be useful every day. Don't miss out on the rewards of becoming part of the fabric of your community.

Use the form below or e-mail us to receive more information about helping others in Ewing Township. There's no obligation or hassle and you can make an informed decision about being a "Hometown Hero." Do it together with a friend or neighbor! We want you to find volunteer service as rewarding as we do. Your help is needed and appreciated.

### NOT INTERESTED TO RIDE ON THE AMBULANCE? YOU CAN STILL BE A PART OF OUR TEAM!

It takes teamwork, time, and dedication behind the scenes to run our organization, too. Not all members participate on the ambulance or in emergency work. We also use volunteers for:

- administrative, clerical, and office functions
- business and fund-raising activities
- publicity and community outreach/education
- equipment, vehicle, and station maintenance.

You can help relieve the burden on those who do this vital work between ambulance calls. Please call us if you think you can donate some of your time to help us remain a strong and effective organization.

Your local volunteer fire company also needs support and personnel, too. Emergency services in Ewing are provided as a team working in concert with each other. Our Unit supports, and gets assistance from, these dedicated fire and rescue volunteers. Again, no previous experience is required to join.

### YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT

We try to make improvements to our service based on your feedback and support. Just like you, we want to do the best job we can with our resources. Contact us with your compliments, questions, or concerns.

### SPECIAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Please take a moment to respond to our survey about special medical equipment or devices that may be used at your address. This will help us better plan and train to serve your special needs.

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#### Special Equipment (Check all that apply.):

- Medical oxygen is used at my address.
- There is a ventilator-dependent patient at my address.
- There is a patient with a left-ventricular assist device (LVAD) (an implanted device that pumps along with the heart) at my address.
- There is an automated external defibrillator (AED) at my address.
- Other specialized life-support equipment is used at my address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Goods and Services

- Contact me about goods or services to donate to the Pennington Road First Aid Unit.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_