



Upper Dauphin County Council of Governments

EMS Committee

July 18, 2005

Dear Municipal Leaders:

Upper Dauphin County Emergency Services, Inc. (UDCES – Medic 6), has asked the Upper Dauphin County Council of Governments (COG) to coordinate an area-wide appeal for financial support. Over the past several months, COG formed an EMS Committee to review the financial information of UDCES to determine how much a financial need existed and make a recommendation to the rest of COG. The EMS Committee met several times, reviewed the information and met with the UDCES Board President, Dohn Fetterhoff and Member, Michael Wertz.

At the June COG meeting, the EMS Committee found that UDCES has immediate financial needs that warrant financial support from the municipalities. The Committee made a recommendation that the municipalities served by UDCES provide voluntary funding through donations.

The EMS Committee recommended a donation of \$45,000 to UDCES to offset their 2005 Workman's Compensation Insurance amount for paid employees. This amount would be divided among the COG municipalities using a formula based upon population and the level of ambulance service provided by UDCES for Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS).

In this formula, municipalities that are only covered for ALS services have a recommendation of approximately half the amount of those who are covered for both ALS and BLS services. The population figures are the same as billed by COG for dues for 2005. Attached is the spreadsheet outlining what the Committee recommends that each municipality donate.

Our recommended donation timeline is for the 2006 budget year. However, if your municipality is able to make a donation during the remainder of 2005, UDCES would greatly appreciate this funding in addition to your donation for 2006. UDCES has agreed to provide an annual financial report to COG. At its June meeting, COG also made a \$1,000 donation to UDCES. **Donations should be made directly to UDCES, Inc.**

You will find the above mentioned spreadsheet, a Microsoft® PowerPoint Presentation and presentation notes enclosed with this letter. When you put the CD in the computer, the presentation should start automatically even if the computer does not have Microsoft® PowerPoint. The handouts, spreadsheet and this letter are also on the CD as PDF files and can be viewed with Adobe Reader, a free download at <http://www.adobe.com>. If anyone has any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. I am also willing to come out and speak to each of the municipalities individually.

Professionally Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Travis M. Enders".

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