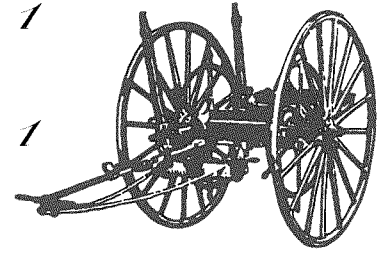




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*Basking Ridge Fire Company No. 1
First Aid Squad of the
Basking Ridge Fire Company No. 1*

P.O. BOX 326, BASKING RIDGE, N.J. 07920



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March 8, 2019

Dear Elected and Township Officials of Bernards Township,

For the past 85 years the Basking Ridge Fire Co. and EMS Squad has been providing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Bernards Township. The members of the Company are your friends, neighbors and fellow citizens that volunteer to provide this essential service. The Fire Company is dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of volunteerism while proudly serving their fellow citizens in one of the noblest ways possible.

Recently, like many other communities in our region, we have experienced an ever increasing demand on the EMS system. Higher call volumes, increased training requirements, and an ever shrinking pool of new volunteers is making it steadily more difficult to serve the community in the manner in which we are accustomed. Increased call volume coupled with all volunteer staffing issues have caused us to join Township officials in exploring other alternatives to provide the high degree of service we have come to know in the township.

To that end, and after much deliberation, the Basking Ridge Fire Company and EMS Squad endorses the township entering into an agreement with a professional third party EMS contractor to provide response coverage to the township during identified peak times. This move will provide supplemental resources during peak periods to provide an assurance of timely primary response to those citizens needing aid. The volunteer resources will continue to be on call as needed and will be the primary source of coverage in off peak periods and when multiple calls cannot be covered by the third party service.

We thank you for your support and look forward to working with township officials in transitioning to a new model that will continue to place emphasis on the patient centric philosophy with a sustainability for the future of the township and the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

Patrick DiIorenzo

President

Basking Ridge Fire Co. #1