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FREEHOLDERS TO ASSIST LOCAL AMBULANCE SQUADS

(SALEM, NJ) -- Freeholder David Lindenmuth, Chairman of the of the Public Safety Committee, announced today that an agreement has been reached with Underwood Memorial Hospital-Department of EMS and AMR (American Medical Responders) to assist local ambulance squads.

“After a meeting with EMS Captains in the County, it was clear that they needed some sort of help from us,” said Freeholder Lindenmuth. “The Freeholders have authorized a County professional Basic Life Support Unit to be a back-up to our ambulance squads to help eliminate long wait times for residents requiring medical assistance.”

Beginning Monday, June 4, when a squad is toned out for a call, if they cannot respond, the next mutual aid responder will be toned out. When the mutual aid responder cannot respond, the next set of tones will go the County professional Basic Life Support Unit (BLS).

“The County BLS Unit will respond from Salem Hospital just like the Advanced Life Support Unit (ALS) known as Life Support 5,” said Freeholder Lindenmuth. “This new ambulance service will free up ALS responders to go on to other life threatening calls. The ambulance service will be billed to the patient’s insurance. Therefore, no taxpayer funds will be expended. This agreement is a “win-win” for everyone.”

Freeholder Lindenmuth continued, “Our EMS volunteers are our life blood. We will continue to help whenever we can.”