

VOLUNTEER
AMBULANCE
AID

Account Number Description	2004	2005	2006	***** Year 2007 *****			Budgeted	%PY
	Approp Actual	Approp Actual	Approp Actual	Dept. Request	Admin. Recmnd			
Dept: 7-01-25-260-000 VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE AID								

-01-25-260-000 H VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE AID								
-01-25-260-020 C OTHER EXPENSES								
-01-25-260-026 S MAINT. OTHER EQUIP./REPAIR	.00 .00	.00 .00	.00 .00					0.0
-01-25-260-051 S VEHICLES	.00 .00	.00 .00	.00 20,000.00					0.0
-01-25-260-058 S OTHER EQUIP. SUPPLY MACH. RENT	.00 .00	.00 .00	.00 .00					0.0
-01-25-260-116 S SALARY, ASSISTANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS	20,000.00 20,000.00	20,000.00 20,000.00	20,000.00 .00	20,000.00	20,000.00			0.0
Control Total	20,000.00 20,000.00	20,000.00 20,000.00	20,000.00 20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00		.00	0.0
Actual	20,000.00 20,000.00	20,000.00 20,000.00	20,000.00 20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00		.00	0.0

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(UPDATED THROUGH P.L. 2007, ch. 42 and J.R. 4)

TITLE 40 MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES

40:5-2 Contributions to first aid, ambulance and rescue squads.

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40:5-2. Any county or municipality may make a voluntary contribution of not more than \$70,000 annually to any duly incorporated first aid and emergency or volunteer ambulance or rescue squad association of the county, or of any municipality therein, rendering service generally throughout the county, or any of the municipalities thereof. In addition, if any such associations experience extraordinary need, the county or municipality may contribute an additional amount of not more than \$35,000.00 annually; provided, however, that the need for such additional funds is established by the association and is directly related to the performance of said association's duties. Whenever the total annual county or municipal contribution to an association exceeds \$70,000, the chief financial officer of the county or municipality shall receive an audit performed by a certified public accountant or a registered municipal accountant of each association's financial records for the current year which shall certify to the governing body of the county or municipality that such records are being maintained in accordance with sound accounting principles.

Any county or municipality may appropriate such additional sums as it may deem necessary for the purchase of first aid, ambulance, rescue or other emergency vehicles, equipment, supplies and materials for use by these associations, the title to which shall remain with the county or municipality, provided that the funds are controlled and disbursed by the county or municipality.

In the case of a joint purchase made by the governing bodies of two or more local units pursuant to the provisions of the "Consolidated Municipal Services Act," P.L.1952, c.72 (C.40:48B-1 et seq.), the title to the purchase shall be held by the joint meeting formed by the contracting governing bodies.

Amended 1941, c.236; 1951, c.298, s.1; 1960, c.36; 1966, c.290; 1974, c.122; 1978, c.115; 1983, c.520; 1983, c.544; 1985, c.19, s.2; 1986, c.120, s.1; 1987, c.31; 2001, C.403.

40:5-2.1. General conflagration; appropriations to relieve loss from

Whenever a general conflagration shall have taken place in any county, and in one or more municipalities thereof, such county shall be and is hereby authorized to appropriate, raise and expend a sum of money, not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), to relieve the loss, damage, distress and suffering caused by said general conflagration.

L.1941, c. 48, p. 128, s. 1 cff. April 23, 1941.

40:5-2.2. Prerequisites to county's expending money to relieve losses from general conflagration

No county shall raise or expend any moneys for the purpose aforesaid unless and until:

(a) The borough, township, city, village or other municipality in which such loss, damage, distress and suffering has occurred shall appropriate and raise a like sum for the same purpose.

(b) A joint commission has been established by and between such county and municipality, on which commission the county and municipality shall have equal representation and which commission shall, after proper investigation, recommend, in writing, to the county and municipality the expenditure of the funds so raised; neither said county nor any municipality shall expend all or any part of said funds, unless and until such recommendation is received and followed.



JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRST AID SQUAD

PO Box 516, Jackson, NJ 08527

Dear Neighbor:

Your Jackson Township First Aid Squad responds to your medical emergencies seven days a week, 365 days a year, from 6 pm to 5 am. We cover 100 square miles with an excellent response time with a minimum of 2 crews ready to run. **WE DO NOT BILL ANYONE FOR OUR SERVICES.** We are dedicated, highly trained, proud VOLUNTEERS — your own neighbors — who unselfishly donate our time and energy to provide emergency medical care to all in Jackson.

During 2005, we answered over 1,750 first aid calls and volunteered over 23,000 man-hours. July 2006 was our busiest month to date; totals for the year are expected to be our highest ever.

Each volunteer also donates time for on going training, retraining, drills, and class work as well as ambulance and building maintenance. Our only reward is the satisfaction of knowing we helped ease a person's pain and suffering in a time of need. Despite outside pressures to charge the person in need hundreds of dollars for each response, we are fighting to stay in service and dedicated to keeping the squad VOLUNTEER and FREE. Now we are asking for your help in our Fund Drive.

Unlike many other areas in NJ and NY we are independent of the fire departments and not entitled to any of their multi-million dollar tax based budgets. *We receive only \$20,000 yearly from the township.* This is far less than what is needed to keep us going, and much less than many of our neighboring towns. The majority of our financial support is provided by your private donations. The funds you contribute are used for medical equipment and supplies, training, operating expenses, building and ambulance maintenance. Please be generous and send your donation, any amount, in the enclosed envelope.

Although Jackson Township is growing, somehow volunteering is declining. If you are interested in learning how you can help, please call 928-0278. There are many exciting opportunities, driving, dispatching, first responders, all with a surprisingly short commitment time. We welcome anyone 16 years old or older. **NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED.** All training is provided free and yours to keep for life, along with the many gratifying experiences of helping your neighbors. Please help us continue our 53+ years of caring for Jackson.

Thank you in advance for your continued support, and thank you all who helped us last year, enabling us to continue keeping the squad VOLUNTEER and FREE.

Rich Busch
PRESIDENT

Al Couceiro
CAPTAIN

John Burrows
1ST LIEUTENANT

Adam Poppe
2ND LIEUTENANT

Gary Nokes
TREASURER

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Legislation would let MONOC take patients to hospitals, bill Medicare

Posted by the Asbury Park Press on 02/25/07

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A bill recently introduced by state Sen. Ellen Karcher, D-Monmouth, may either enable Monmouth-Ocean Hospital Services Corp. to stay financially solvent — or may lead to a statewide battle between first aid squads and paramedics over the right to transport patients to hospitals.

On Nov. 13, just one week before MONOC announced the closure of its mobile intensive care units in Marlboro and Lacey, Karcher introduced S-2302, a bill that would allow MONOC to transport patients to hospitals. The bill is mirrored in the Assembly by A-3749, which is sponsored by Assemblymen Sean T. Kean, R-Monmouth, and Eric Munoz, R-Union.

Karcher said the bill's progress has been stalled while the state Commissioner of Health and Senior Services conducts a study aimed at measuring the effectiveness of New Jersey's emergency response systems. The New Jersey Association of Paramedic Services expects the results of this study in June.

The senator said she was approached by MONOC shortly after being elected in 2003 and asked to propose legislation that would save the cooperative from financial ruin.

"Nobody is getting reimbursed at the rate which can keep them afloat," Karcher said. "That's really the problem. Reimbursement rates are nowhere near what they should be."

But some critics feel that enabling MONOC to transport patients, which theoretically would enable them to earn more from Medicare, tilts the balance away from local first aid squads, which provide basic life support (BLS) services.

Scott Kasper, president of the New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs, said the association opposes Karcher's bill because of its narrow focus and potentially negative impact on the state's emergency medical services.

Allowing mobile paramedic services like MONOC "to transport, bill for and retain 100 percent of the revenue for services provided will take revenue away from municipalities, fire departments, volunteer rescue squads and other commercial entities that run BLS ambulance squads," Kasper said in a prepared statement.

He added that Karcher's bill could lead to MONOC and local BLS agencies vying for the ability to transport patients, "leading to fighting in the streets."

Karcher said the bill will not result in such pandemonium. An interim measure is being studied that would charge equal reimbursement amounts for MONOC and BLS transport, effectively leveling the playing field for Medicare reimbursement.

"There is a delicate balance between making sure you have ALS (advanced life support) while not pushing BLS out of the picture entirely," Karcher said. "Some folks say that the system is fine the way it is, that you just need to open up more money."

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Ok - I'm a volunteer EMT from the area. I completely disagree with the statement that the volunteer era is over. I agree that there are some flaws in some towns but other towns work very well. Most volunteer squads cannot work 24/7 - mine cannot either. So we come up with an agreement with the township to have a municipal or private EMS service during the day, and the volunteers will handle the night shift. Works very well and the response times for both agencies are the same.

To VMorton's statement - MONOC didn't but EMTAC - they absorbed them because EMTAC wen't broke. MONOC is non-profit they don't really buy anything, they have absorbed many medic programs that couldn't stay afloat. MONOC was doing great until the rules changed and said that the BLS agencies get most of the money.

medic 2731s statement about peoples choice of BLS and ALS. Both are essential to treating patients. There is a reason ALS' cannot transport - and it is a good reason. I don't agree that medics should be able to transport a patient - but I do think that they should get more money than the BLS agency. Medic's come in teams of 2. Because some of the procedures done require 2 people. If one medic is driving and the other is treating - the MOBILE part of Mobile Intensive Care Unit gets taken out of the picture if you need 2 medics. So allowing ALS rigs to transport is not a good idea, but getting them the cut of money they need is extremely important!

Posted by: ajm0615 on Mon Feb 26, 2007 2:21 am

Well then MONOC should have not bought EMTAC OR LEASING Choppers!!! and you wonder why they are broke!

Posted by: Vmorton on Sun Feb 25, 2007 1:45 pm

For what most taxpayers pay now a days, there