



MOREAU EMS



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Mountain Lakes Regional EMS Council
120 Washington Street, Suite 230
Watertown, New York 13601

Re: Objection to Fort Ann EMS Territory Expansion Request – Fort Ann CON

Dear Members of the Mountain Lakes Regional EMS Council,

I am writing on behalf of Moreau Emergency Squad, Inc. to formally object to the request made by Fort Ann EMS to expand their operating territory to include Glens Falls Hospital and the surrounding area that is already covered by Glens Falls Fire Department, Ambulnz and Mohawk Ambulance Service.

Our agency, along with several other established EMS agencies/providers, have served Glens Falls Hospital in this capacity for years and Moreau Emergency Squad, Inc. maintains an active and capable presence for both emergency and non-emergency transports. The addition of Fort Ann EMS as the sole agency to cover the needs of Glens Falls Hospital, is unnecessary and may hinder the quality and coordination of patient care.

It is important to note that Fort Ann EMS is not certified or currently equipped to manage the demands of specialty care transports. Specifically, without the additional use of hospital staff, they are not capable of transporting patients who are ventilator-dependent, on critical drips, or receiving blood transfusions — types of patients that are regularly transferred from Glens Falls Hospital and require advanced specialty care during transport.

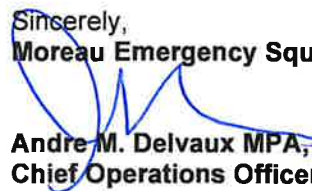
Additionally, there is a growing concern within the EMS community regarding Fort Ann EMS's ability to effectively manage their 911 responsibilities within their own jurisdiction. On multiple occasions, they have prioritized interfacility transfers over emergency calls in their primary response area, leading to lapses in local EMS coverage and the need for mutual aid to cover their calls. This places a huge strain on surrounding areas.

Allowing Fort Ann EMS to expand their operating territory without the demonstrated capability to meet higher levels of patient care or to consistently manage their own jurisdictional obligations would set a concerning precedent and potentially compromise patient safety.

We respectfully urge the Council to deny this request and to preserve the integrity of EMS coverage in the region by maintaining appropriate boundaries and ensuring that only qualified and sufficiently resourced agencies are permitted to expand service areas. A strong financial motive is readily apparent in this request to expand operating territory.

Thank you for your attention and dedication to ensuring the highest standards of EMS care in our region.

Sincerely,
Moreau Emergency Squad, Inc.


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