

Georgetown Fire Department

Adoption of Article 18, to establish a Revolving Account
for Ambulance Service

The opportunity to begin a Fire Department-based transporting ambulance service has been provided to the Town of Georgetown through the generosity of the members of the Central Fire Company.

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Strengths:

- The GTFD currently provides non-transporting Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- The GTFD has over two dozen Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) and Paramedics on-staff.

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Strengths, continued:

- The GTFD currently has longstanding agreements in place with the State and the Anna Jaques Hospital for many EMS functions.
- Many of our members are already familiar with transporting operations, having worked in EMS outside of Georgetown.

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Weaknesses:

- The GTFD currently does not provide transporting EMS services.
- There is no revenue stream to offset staffing, equipment, and supplies expended.

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Opportunities provided:

- A transporting Ambulance Service will provide a revenue source to the Fire Department.
- This would give the Fire Department the opportunity to recognize revenues currently that are collected by outside providers.

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Opportunities, continued:

- Having transport capabilities will reduce the time from point of initial contact until patient is delivered to definitive care at the Emergency Room.
- Serve to open greater opportunities for members to become EMT's.
- A transporting Ambulance Service will give us the ability to enhance our mutual aid agreements and also to bring in additional revenues.

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Threats:

- Outside influences, economic, governmental
- There has been a recent change in insurance companies payments to providers.
- Other EMS provider(s) offering initial zero bids, but the Town will not realize the revenue.

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- Please support Article 18 at Annual Town Meeting.
- Adoption will allow the revenues from ambulance transports to go directly to this account.
- FD will use this revenue to fund the needs and expenses in connection with operating the ambulance.

Thank you

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