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Borough Statement Regarding Emergency Medical Services

Chalfont Borough Council has approved an agreement with Central Bucks EMS to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to our community.

This action was not taken lightly. For many years, our residents have benefited from the dedication and professionalism of the EMS personnel who have responded to emergencies throughout our community. We are grateful for the service provided by the EMTs, paramedics, employees, and volunteers who have cared for our residents during times of need.

The Borough has a long history with Chal-Brit Regional EMS and recognizes the important role the organization has played in serving our community and the surrounding region. This action should not be interpreted as a reflection on the quality of care provided by frontline EMS personnel. Rather, it reflects the Borough's responsibility to ensure reliable, financially sustainable emergency medical services that will meet the community's needs for years to come.

Over the past several months, Borough officials conducted a comprehensive review of EMS service options including attending meetings with multiple providers, consulting with Bucks County Emergency Health Services, participating in regional discussions with neighboring municipalities, and evaluating various service delivery models. Following that review, Council determined that partnering with Central Bucks EMS is the best course of action to provide dependable emergency medical care, maintain operational stability, and ensure long-term service for Borough residents.

Initially, Central Bucks EMS plans to operate from a substation located in the center of Chalfont Borough, providing a local EMS presence. While the long-term location of EMS facilities may evolve as operational needs change, the Borough's priority is ensuring that residents continue to receive dependable, high-quality emergency medical services and a strong local EMS presence.

Residents will experience no interruption in emergency medical services during the transition. Borough staff will work closely with Central Bucks EMS, Bucks County Emergency Health Services, neighboring municipalities, and our emergency response partners to ensure a smooth transition of services.

Residents who have already contributed to Chal-Brit Regional EMS's current annual subscription program will not lose the benefit of that contribution. Central Bucks EMS has agreed to honor those subscriptions for the remainder of the applicable subscription period upon presentation of proof of payment.

We recognize that change can be difficult, particularly when it involves an organization that has served the community for many years. This action reflects Council's commitment to responsible planning, public safety, and sound fiscal stewardship.

Additional information regarding the transition and implementation process will be shared as it becomes available.