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Mr. Brian E. Kamoie
Assistant Administrator, Grants Programs Director
Federal Emergency Management Agency – 9th Floor, North Tower
800 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

*Application No. EMW-2014-FO-04755

Dear Mr. Kamoie,

I am pleased to offer my support for the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps' application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for funding to acquire four mechanical CPR devices that would dramatically increase cardiac arrest survivability.

The Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps is the primary of ambulance service to several pieces of critical infrastructures, including Holy Name Medical Center, Fairleigh Dickinson University, a State of NJ National Guard Armory, a PSE&G electric sub-station, a CSX freight railroad line, County Highway Route 4 and Interstate Highways Route 80 and Route 95. The Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps receives an average of 4,500 calls and responded to 102 cardiac arrest calls in 2012-2014. Unfortunately, the save rate for these cardiac arrest calls was 26%, a definitively smaller percentage compared to the 50% save rate in other municipalities using the requested mechanical CPR devices. If the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps receives the requested mechanical CPR devices, they would be able to continue to provide reliable emergency ambulance service in saving precious lives.

Throughout my 18 years in the United States House of Representatives, I have fought at every opportunity to make sure our firefighters and volunteers have the equipment, vehicles, training and other resources they need to protect our citizens and their personal property. As the Chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus and author of the original FIRE Act, I understand that emergency ambulance services such as Teaneck's are an integral part of our emergency management system and require our utmost respect and assistance in their time of need.

I am pleased to support the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps' application for four mechanical CPR devices and respectfully ask that you look favorably upon their request, within the boundaries of applicable rules and guidelines. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Pascrell, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bill Pascrell, Jr.
Member of Congress