

PEMSA-NJ

Professional Emergency Medical Services Association of New Jersey

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of PEMSANJ,

“One Mission, One Team” is this year’s theme for them for EMS Week, which runs from May 19, 2013 to May 25, 2013. This theme could not be more appropriate for the EMS providers of the Professional Emergency Medical Services Association of New Jersey – PEMSANJ.

PEMSANJ is a diverse group of individual’s that represent over five hundred and twenty five emergency medical technicians, paramedics, flight paramedics, critical care registered nurses, flight nurses, call takers and dispatchers at MONOC. The members of PEMSANJ recently voted for a second time since their inception in 2007 to ensure they have a voice in steering the future of EMS in New Jersey. Over 70% of the bargaining unit voted, with 60% of the members casting a “yes vote”, winning the election and securing the future of their union!

The citizens of New Jersey have a little sense of the challenges each of us face day in and day out, with little appreciation for the care we provide. Our members come to work never knowing what personal tragedy, or heart-ache they will screen as a call taker, dispatch as a dispatcher or respond to as a Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, Specialty Care Nurse, Flight Paramedic or Flight Nurse. This was especially true this year when our members were on the front lines helping the citizens of New Jersey during Super Storm Sandy...all while many of our friends and families homes, cars and personal property were destroyed.

Just this past week Governor Christie vetoed the much needed EMS Legislation, another set-back to emergency medical services in New Jersey. The members of PEMSANJ are EMS professionals; every one of us is dedicated to serving our local communities and providing the best care for our patients. Our members are all acutely aware of the ever increasing demand for our services, along with the lack of the additional 911 services that makes every day a challenge.

New Jersey needs to ensure that our dispatch centers, basic and advanced life support ambulances, SCT ambulances and 911 helicopters services are capable of responding to the changes that are evolving in the healthcare system of the nation and New Jersey. They will impact how we deliver EMS in the future. We must be prepared to work within the new healthcare model, all while ensuring we provide the highest level of patient care possible.

We are a valuable commodity, and standing together, side by side with the brothers and sisters of PEMSANJ, PFANJ and the IAFF, can only ensure our success!

On behalf of the PEMSA-NJ Executive Board and Delegates I would like to recognize you ongoing dedication to the emergency medical services system and to all of the residents and visitors of New Jersey!

Happy EMS Week!

Sincerely,

PEMSA-NJ Executive Board, Administrative Delegates and Delegates
IAFF Local 4610

