

**WAYLAND AREA**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**



**911 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
WAYLAND, MICHIGAN 49348  
BUSINESS OFFICE (269) 792-2958**

02/25/2016

Dear Yankee Springs Township Landowners:

I am writing to inform you of some changes that are occurring in regard to the emergency medical response to your area. In October of 2015, the Yankee Springs Fire Committee approached Wayland Area Emergency Services about the possibility of providing ambulance service to your township. After some conversations and deliberation this was approved by our board. We will be designated as the ambulance provider on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

There are some things that you should keep in mind with this change. While Yankee Springs Township has identified Wayland Area EMS for 911 responses, you can always request another agency for response as well. Wayland Area EMS has, and will continue to accept the Thornapple Ambulance Partnership Program (TAPP) membership as a professional courtesy. We have a similar program call Vital Care which has a June enrollment period and would encourage you to think about joining in the future.

For some background, Wayland Area EMS is a non-taxing governmental authority created by an intergovernmental agreement between the townships of Salem, Dorr, Leighton, Monterey, Hopkins, Wayland, Watson, Martin, Orangeville and the City of Wayland. This agreement now includes Yankee Springs Township. We provide ALS (Paramedic) Ambulance response and transport, as well as Medical First Response to this area. In addition, we provide CPR, First Aid and pre-hospital EMS training. We are staffed with over 120 dedicated volunteers who are paid on a per-call basis. We regularly transport to 12 different hospitals and are members of both Barry and Allegan County Medical Control Boards.

We have held to the idea of "neighbors helping neighbors" provides for an improved community. Given the tools and training, those who are available and interested in helping, can do within our system. Therefore, our goal is to develop a Medical First Response team in Yankee Springs to be dispatched and respond to Medical calls in the township along with the Ambulance response. The desirable aspects of a first response system is that it remains as an asset in the community whereas an ambulance must leave during transport.

We look forward to building this foundation in Yankee Springs and to serving you in your time of need. If you have any suggestions on how we can best do this, or would like more information on any of our training opportunities, please contact us at (269) 792-2958 or E-mail us at [WAEMS@att.net](mailto:WAEMS@att.net).

Sincerely,

Bob Hess  
General Manager  
Wayland Area EMS

**...OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIPS OF...**  
**DORR • HOPKINS • LEIGHTON • MARTIN • MONTEREY • ORANGEVILLE • SALEM • WATSON • WAYLAND • CITY OF WAYLAND**  
and now Yankee Springs