

Ambulance Service

Town of Catskill

Catskill Population 11,775

Athens Population 4,089

Total Square Miles 93

County Population 32%

Town of Catskill Ambulance Service

- The Town currently employs Paramedics and EMTs who provide care at the Intermediate level, and are capable of operating at the Paramedic level with minimal additional staff needed.
- The Town already owns a fleet of ambulance vehicles and a base of operations that can be used to provide Paramedic service
- Under the current system, 3 EMS providers are required to provide Paramedic level care on Town ambulances (1 Greene EMS Paramedic, 2 Catskill EMTs). The Town will provide service utilizing 1 Paramedic and 1 EMT, which is a standard crew configuration in the EMS industry.
- The estimated initial startup costs for year 1 of Paramedic Advanced Life Support service were less than the annual contract with Greene County EMS, Inc.
- With nearly 40% of the paramedic level calls in the County occurring in the Town of Catskill, Town taxpayers were in effect subsidizing paramedic service to other parts of the County under the two-tiered system.

Countywide Proposal

Risk v. Benefit

- Benefit to Town of Catskill residents is questionable

Benefits	Countywide Proposal	Catskill Ambulance
Staffing	Paramedic / EMT	Paramedic / EMT
Chute Time	3 min. or less	< 2 min.
Response Time	12.5 min. (87%)	<7 min. avg 12.5 min. (89%)
Level of Care	Paramedic	Paramedic
Back Up	System Status	Closest Available

Current reality: Catskill subsidizes service to other areas because of call volume, staffing, transport time.

<i>COST COMPARISON FOR COUNTY WIDE AMBULANCE SYSTEM</i>	2016 TOWN COST	*2016 COUNTY COST
Town of Catskill payment for County Ambulance Service – Part of \$2.6M	\$0.00	
Town of Catskill Payment to Paramedic Corp Part of \$2.6 M	\$0.00	
Taxpayer Share of County Payment \$1.1 M	\$0.00	
Town’s Tax for 2016 Ambulance cost	\$457,253	
Town of Catskill County Payment \$.96M		\$230,000
Town of Catskill County Payment \$2.24M		\$379,904
Total	\$457,253	*\$609,904
*2016 County Cost as reported by Task Force		

TOWN OF CATSKILL AMBULANCE SERVICE

- . With approval received from the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council, the Town of Catskill Ambulance Service will begin Paramedic level service before the end of 2015.