

## Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #1 Township of Millstone

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## **ATTENTION RESIDENTS:**

On August 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 the Millstone Township Fire District placed into service Ambulance 3259. Ambulance 3259 is a 2023 Ford E450/SIV remount. The original ambulance box was manufactured by Horton. This ambulance is licensed by the NJ Office of Emergency Medical Services which operates under the State Department of Health. This ambulance is equipped with a Stryker Power Pro 2, powered stretcher. This battery-operated stretcher comes complete with a self-loading system for the stretcher, with the ability to lift up to 700 lbs. This state-of-the-art equipment will prevent lifting injuries to patient care providers. This vehicle purchase was made possible through careful fiscal management, under the shared service program with Millstone Township and revenue generated by billing for EMS services.

Within 1 hour of being placed into service, this ambulance answered its first incident, a second simultaneous EMS call. Within its first 24 hours of service, it responded to 10 different incidents and transported 6 patients.

The Millstone Township Fire District now has 3 fully equipped ambulances in its fleet. This vehicle gives the department the ability to always guarantee two ambulances to the community, allowing for a vehicle to be out of service for repair or maintenance as well as positioning the department to engage in a future remount program. This type of program will allow for the existing ambulance box to be refurbished and mounted on a new chassis, which represents a significant cost savings versus purchasing a new vehicle.

