

## **Subject: EMS District Fundraising Events**

Good Morning District 6 members,

Some of you folks know me, for those that do not I am an EMT with Williamstown. I have been with Gordon and his clan for 3 years, come November. Not only have I enjoyed serving the people of my community again, but I have been inspired. Gordon introduced me to the district board about 1.5 to 2 years ago. I have observed from the sidelines as an alternate, and by reading through the minutes; the good work the board does to assure great patient care, while trying to keep the best interest of all our services in mind. Today I bring to the District a call to action.

Just like all of the squads struggle to cover our expenses, the District has the same struggles. The district incurs many of the same expenses the squads do, with little residual income to cover those expenses. While we as squads may not cover our expenses with patient care/transport, at the very least we have some money coming in to off-set. Our District runs on dues paid by us all, some small income from classes, and relies heavily on a grant from the State. To say that any deviation from this would create havoc financially I think is an understatement. Our grant is always at risk with state budget cuts.

Please do not misconstrue this to say the District isn't healthy and strong. We have great board members that maintain everything and assure we have the best available with what we have on-hand. What I want to convey is that we can help the District and I think with the great people that serve within their communities, the support of the District board, heads of services and our families, we can make great strides in helping the district financially.

Fundraisers rake in more than \$22 billion dollars a year in the USA alone. Local Fundraisers pull in thousands to tens of thousands of dollars as well. These events are successful for reasons that they are fun, family oriented and go to a good cause. In my opinion, what is a better cause than supporting EMS and the governing body in their community?

I propose that we create a Fundraising committee, made up of some board members, squad members and/or members of squad auxiliaries. I would even go so far to include family members of the squad's members. This committee would work to create 2 fundraising events every year. The proceeds from these events would benefit a squad within District 6 and our District as a whole. The proceeds would be split between the two. My hopes is that with a little bit of commitment, finding great ideas for events, being family and community oriented and our own word of mouth and reputations in our communities, we will see high involvement and turnout at the events and that we can raise money to help support us all.

There are people out there that are always thinking about what they can do to help a little more. I understand that not all of us can afford the time and sacrifices, but I know there are folks that would love to do this. Those that the people I want to help make this happen. Maybe some families have some high school students needing community service hours, or some junior members on squads looking for some extra things to accomplish. These are the folks that will be able to be successful at launching this off the ground. We can then provide better service, better training and materials as well as provide better classes for the folks coming in to the world of EMS.

If this is something that interests you and you are interested in helping me give back to our communities and to our District please email me or call me. I have provided my contact info below and would love to talk, get your ideas and move towards the first event.

In advance thank you all for your time. We already do great things together. Lets become inspired to do more great things and maybe inspire some other folks to follow our lead or get involved. If you have somebody you know that might be interested in this opportunity, please give them my contact information.

**District heads please pass this along to your members.**

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