

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP

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Dear Neighbor,

It's that time of year again- Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps (DTVAC) needs your help! By contributing to our annual subscription drive you will help off-set our operating costs for another year. The Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps is dedicated to providing ambulance and other emergency medical services for the residents and visitors of Delaware Township, Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania. We are committed to providing quality emergency medical care to Delaware Township and surrounding areas. We strive for excellence through education and continuous quality improvement. We are a non-profit organization, established in 1975, that subsists primarily on voluntary contributions including grants and donations, as well as, billing income to provide such superb service to our community.

Our organization is on the front-line of fighting COVID-19. We have treated more COVID-19 patients than any other ambulance service in Pike County. The virus has taken a serious toll on our organization. Our cost of medical supplies including personal protective equipment has tripled. We have had to adopt new costly new treatments for our patients, as well as new PPE protocols to keep our personnel safe. Our organization has expended over \$50,000.00 additional just to respond to this public crisis. And because of this emergency, we have had to cancel almost all of our normal fundraisers, putting an additional strain on our organization.

DTVAC volunteers and staff annually respond to hundreds of emergencies every year in Delaware Township alone and our call volume continues to increase year after year. DTVAC is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services as an Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service, the highest ground-based 911 ambulance service available. Subscription donations are used to purchase emergency equipment, medical supplies, medications, and to provide training to our volunteers. Our ambulance squad does not have enough volunteers to cover 24/7, therefore we pay for additional crew members including paramedics.

We must bill for our services. An ambulance transport can cost more than \$2,000. Most insurance providers, including Medicare, do not cover the entire portion of the ambulance bill. You can help both yourself and our organization by participating in our subscription drive.

About the Subscription

As a subscription member, you will not be billed for balances owed on services that are partly covered by your insurance carrier including insurance copays and deductibles, with the exception of deductibles as mandated by Federal Law. On non-covered services such as non-emergency transports, and patient assessments (patient is not transported) you will receive a 50% discounted rate. And because more than half of all of our emergency dispatches are in other municipalities, we allow anyone to become a subscription member of DTVAC. Subscription plans are valid from November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. There is no "proration" for those who wait to subscribe, so the sooner you sign up, the greater the benefit.



- \$35 Individual - covers only the individual subscription holder
- \$55 Couple - covers the subscription holder & spouse listed on this form
- \$80 Household - covers the subscription holder, spouse, cohabitants of a single residence and dependent persons living at the residence (up to 8).
- Additional Donation \$ _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Household Members (if applicable). If additional, please enclose separately

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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Payment Liabilities Not Covered

Under the Subscription:

Insurance pays for ambulance transportation in accordance with the terms of your policy. In certain situations, a subscriber may be financially responsible for payment for ambulance service that is non-covered by your insurance and you may not be advised of this non-coverage at the time of your service. This subscription does not cover services provided by other emergency medical service providers. In cases where the transport is not medically necessary or not provided, you are uninsured, or where you were able to take another form of transportation, as a subscription member you will be financially responsible for 50% of the charges normally imposed by Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Important Insurance Information:

Usually, DTVAC will try to directly bill your insurance company using a third-party billing service. In consideration and payment of the subscription fee: I hereby assign to DTVAC all ambulance benefits that I (or any covered family member) may otherwise be entitled to receive from any insurance or other third-party payer for services provided under my DTVAC subscription, now or in the future. Failure to comply would be fraudulent under our subscription agreement and consequently void your subscription benefits. This program is not an insurance product, and this is not an offer for the sale of an insurance policy. Subscription membership is not applicable to Medical Assistance (Medicaid) recipients.

Non-Discrimination

Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, military status or political affiliation, in any of its activities or operations.

Car Seat Checks

We now offer free child seat safety inspections by qualified Child Passenger Safety Technicians at our ambulance station. Inspections help ensure car seats are appropriate for the child's age and size and installed correctly. These checks take approximately twenty minutes and are by appointment only. Call us to schedule!

911 Sign Reminder

When the ambulance service, fire department or police are dispatched, they are given the "911" address by the Communications Center. Unless this address is posted at the residence or building, it is very difficult to find where the emergency is in a timely manner. We urge all residents and business owners of Pike County to have their "911" number posted near the street in front of their home or business to ensure a timely response in the event of an emergency. The Pike County Emergency Management assigns street addresses. If you do not know your 911 address, call the Emergency Management office during weekdays at (570) 296-1911. Supplies for these signs can be obtained at many hardware stores. In addition, as a service to the community, Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps sells address signs at a minimal cost. If you require a sign, please give us a call.

Volunteers Needed

Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps needs EMTs, ambulance drivers, first responders, paramedics, and fundraising and administrative volunteers for several vital activities within our organization. If you would like to help our organization by volunteering your time, please contact us.