

## EATON AREA EMS UPDATE – August 19, 2016

**OPERATIONS:** Eaton Area EMS continues to utilize a dynamic coverage process positioning ambulances to provide the quickest response times for residents within our service area. We deploy the last unassigned ambulance to the central cover point at M-50 and Perky Rd, the Eaton Township Hall parking lot. Ambulances are equipped with Eaton County Central Dispatch mobile computer terminals for dispatching. These units provide the dispatchers, and other ambulances, the ability to “track” each ambulance’s location to aid in sending the nearest available ambulance.

This spring Roxand Township notified me they had decided to “trial” Grand Ledge FD as their ambulance service for one year. I was told the Township will evaluate the cost and benefit of the service for one year and decide which EMS agency to continue with.

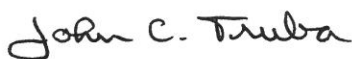
**EQUIPMENT:** An ambulance was purchased April 2016 for \$ 118,160. The process to purchase another ambulance is underway and the new ambulance delivery should be early 2017. All six ambulances are now equipped with powerlift stretchers. Three of the ambulances are equipped with automated cardiac compression devices. EMS personnel are “field testing” tablets to replace the laptops that are at the end of their service life. Our software provider for the EMS electronic patient care record has upgraded to a cloud based system which allows the use of less expensive tablets.

**Hayes Green Beach and Sparrow Health System Affiliation:** In March of 2016 HGB and Sparrow signed a memorandum of understanding to enable HGB to become an affiliate of Sparrow. The agreement outlines a three year transition to full ownership by Sparrow. HGB will continue to have local governance through the board of directors, medical staff and HGB executive leadership.

Major objectives of the affiliation are to implement a new electronic medical record system, strengthen clinical integration, to grow local services, to enhance quality and patient experience, and to optimize operations and sustainability.

The agreement for ambulance service between HGB and the participating municipalities will remain in place through the term noted in the agreement, March 31 ,2018. In early 2017 HGB will begin the process to renew this agreement. The new agreement will include language that reflects the affiliation with Sparrow Health System. It is our expectation that HGB’s EMS Department, Eaton Area EMS, will continue to provide emergency ambulance service to the residents of the participating townships and cities.

Respectfully submitted



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