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Township Approves Change in EMS Coverage

At the March 11, 2014, Board of Supervisors meeting, West Sadsbury Township supervisors passed a resolution making Keystone Valley Fire Department the primary ambulance provider to the entire Township. Previously Keystone serviced approximately 80% of the Township, while Christiana Community Ambulance serviced the remaining 20%. This goes into effect on April 1, 2014.

This move was made after lengthy discussions with the Keystone Valley Regional District Commission; the governing body for emergency services in West Sadsbury Township, Parkesburg Borough and sections of Sadsbury and Highland Townships. Each municipality served has a seat on the Commission and it meets monthly to discuss operations and budget. Keystone Valley Fire Department Chief Raymond Stackhouse said today, "I proposed this move in order to continue efficient, effective and cooperative services within the District. The taxpayers of West Sadsbury Township already fund these services through the District. It makes sense for fiscal reasons that KVFD cover this area."

He said, "Due to the change in EMS service provider almost mid-year, Keystone Valley Fire Department's ambulance will honor Christiana Ambulance memberships for the remainder of 2014. This will ensure that if you paid your membership to Christiana, you will not be billed for the remainder of what your insurance does not pay should you need our service."

Keystone Valley Fire Department provides fire, rescue and ambulance service with 52 active volunteers, 18 part time career staff – including a Staff Supervisor and service consultant. Staff is on duty twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

If you have any questions or concerns you should always contact West Sadsbury Township at 610-857-5969 or by email at wsadstwp@comcast.net, or Chief Stackhouse at 610-857-3232.

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