



Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association

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Serving the community since 1957

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Dear Simsbury Resident,

This year marks two significant milestones for Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association (SVAA). 2017 is the **60th Anniversary** of SVAA providing Emergency Medical Services to the community. This year also represents 20 years of SVAA operating at the Paramedic level.

SVAA relies on individual donations to balance its budget. Last year, SVAA responded to 1,860 medical emergencies. As the town continues to grow, so do the demands on SVAA. We have begun staffing of a second ambulance during the busy weekday hours. To meet the increased staffing needs we have begun using paid EMT's in addition to our core of volunteers. This is a costly endeavor, but one we feel is necessary to meet the increasing needs of our community. We need your help to fill the financial deficit this has created.

SVAA is comprised of a core group of volunteer EMT's along with paid EMT's and career Paramedics who provide Emergency Medical Service (EMS) to the citizens of Simsbury. We operate two modern fully outfitted ambulances in addition to an Advanced Life Support paramedic response vehicle. Our EMTs and Paramedics respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and provide an invaluable service to the citizens of Simsbury.

SVAA needs your help and support. The costs associated with providing Advanced Life Support service in Simsbury is not fully reimbursed by medical insurance or Medicare. The financial support from Simsbury residents such as you through a **tax-deductible donation** can eliminate this reimbursement gap and provide the necessary funding for replacement equipment and supplies. If you have supported us in the past we thank you, and hope you will continue to do so. If you haven't, we ask that you consider doing so this year. Your support is crucial to the operation of **SVAA**.

More information about **SVAA's** work in the community is enclosed. If you have any questions, are interested in volunteering, or would like someone from **SVAA** to contact you, please call (860) 658-7213. Please support **SVAA** by visiting our website at www.Simsburyems.com and making a donation or by writing your tax-deductible check today.

Thank you,

Russell Regenauer, President

