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Attention Mr. Bitner, Executive Director

The purpose of this letter is to convey the operating principles that were in place in the early 70's at the Onondaga County Fire Control Center located in the Mattydale Fire station concerning the dispatch of volunteer ambulances in Onondaga County.

I was employed as a fire dispatcher during that time and later was transferred as the Assistant Fire Coordinators, where I was responsible to the Fire Coordinator (Mike Waters) for the operation of the Fire Control Center which later was relocated to a county building on Onondaga Hill. (The old Hillbrook Detention Facility for Youthful Offenders)

During this time I was also a member of NAVAC, and served three years as the first "DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS" for this fine organization.



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While we were all aware that the CON listed the North Syracuse Central School District as the area of operation for NAVAC.

The operation and the established dispatch procedures was based on the fire districts lines for who went where. You see this facility had worked with these guidelines as most volunteer ambulances were operated by volunteer fire departments.

When Volunteer ambulances came into being it was a matter of practice to consider fire district lines to determine what ambulance went where.

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