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## North Syracuse Volunteer Fire Department

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CNYEMS Regional Council  
Jefferson Tower Suite LL1  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
ATTN: Warren Darby

Chairman Darby:

This letter is in regards to the correction and expansion of the C.O.N. for NAVAC ambulance. Specifically with regard to the areas in question in a portion of the Town of Clay, North Medical Center complex and the portions of the Town of Salina and areas of East Taft Road, which NAVAC ambulance has been consistently serving those areas since 1970.

Further, previously restating our position on this issue, there appears to be no justification indicating that there will be a significant benefit by shifting ambulance coverage from NAVAC to NOVA in those affected areas. This switch to NOVA would not be in the best interest of patient care. NAVAC is the closest ambulance to the listed areas geographically. In terms of staffing, it appears that NAVAC has a larger personnel base. In terms of equipment and other resources, NAVAC appears to be better situated to provide a more consistent and reliable service.

NAVAC has been providing documented and continued service to those areas since 1970. Some of the original charter members of NAVAC from 1970 are actually members of the North Syracuse Fire Department. Back then, they saw a need for a local ambulance service and acted upon this, for the beginning of NAVAC. Since then, NAVAC has provided continued (and increasing) coverage to not only the North Syracuse Fire Protection District and the mentioned affected areas, but also to the surrounding areas on a mutual aid basis, serving those other ambulance response areas.

Therefore, it is the continued position of the North Syracuse Fire Department that we support the C.O.N. amendment of NAVAC ambulance for the above listed geographic areas and truly believe that it is in the best interest of patient care and public safety.

If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark K. Hogan  
Chief of Fire

Cc: Christopher Bitner NAVAC