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Mr. Warren Darby, Chairman
CNYEMS Regional Council
Jefferson Tower Suite LL1
50 Presidential Plaza
Syracuse, NY 13202

Dear Mr. Darby:

I am writing to you in regards to the CON change request for NAVAC. I have several concerns over recent developments in this county's EMS system; and sooner or later lives will be lost over this argument.

First and foremost, NAVAC has been providing service to the North Medical Complex since it was built. The closer ambulance service is NAVAC at only 2.56 miles from their corps. room to 5100 West Taft Rd. and NOVA is 3.34 miles from quarters, as provided by Mapquest.com. The North Medical Complex is located inside the North Syracuse Fire District which NAVAC has been covering that entire fire district since they were formed, now you have separated ambulance service in a fire district.

The EMS system in this county was already stressed, now NOVA taking on Brewerton added with the North Med increase, who will be answering calls inside the Moyers Corners Fire District? At the directors meeting on October 30, 2008 John Marko said Rural Metro will be posting ambulances there. Where does that put the City of Syracuse? Just last week Syracuse Fire Dept. Mini 3 was sent, as the transporting ambulance, into the county in the Taunton Fire District for an ambulance call. This change has had a domino effect on the entire system and the public is left to suffer.

EAVES has no vested interest in this CON change request. Our interest is that of protecting the public. We have no interest in covering the city when Rural Metro is tied up covering calls where NOVA should be. The only difference that was made since NOVA started

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covering North Medical is longer response times for ambulances to the Moyers Corners Fire District when NOVA is unavailable.

As you are well aware, ambulance services can not "move up" like the fire departments do to ensure timely responses when certain areas are depleted of resources. This in itself creates public danger. I urge you and the council to vote favorably on the NAVAC CON change as it is clearly in the public's best interest. I would not want to be the one answering to the public when someone dies and you knew of the problems before hand.

Respectfully,

Vincent Stevenson, NREMT-P

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