**Memorandum**

To: Michael K. McGovern, Town Manager

From: Peter Gleeson, Fire and Rescue Chief

Re: Rescue Fees

Date: February 7, 2015

Mike, Shawn McPherson from Medical Reimbursement which is the company that does our rescue billing has proposed a different way of billing our rescue calls.

Currently we bill for the transport, mileage and for the services provided during the transport.  Several of the services they bill for have gone to a flat rate billing system for each transport. The flat rate billing system would result in a less complicated billing method as we would charge $600.00 for a basic life support transport and $900.00 for an advanced life support transport. We would also increase the per mile charge from $10.00 per mile to $14.00 per mile. The flat rate would make it easier to project revenue as we can track whether a call was an advanced or basic transport and under our current billing method we would have to review each call to see what services we provided. I took a look at a couple of calls to see what the difference would be between the two rates and the flat rate would result in an increase in revenue.

My recommendation would be to change to the flat rate billing method.



The recommended budget for the rescue unit is $340,000 next year so this will enable us to break even.