

Township of Cheltenham



Emergency Medical Service

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Dear Neighbors,

Another year has passed and *your* Emergency Medical Service will be 37 years old in 2019. We have come a long way since our beginning in 1982. We started with a small group of dedicated volunteers handling just under 200 calls a year in a borrowed ambulance to more than 3,000 calls annually handled mostly career staff and some of our remaining volunteers in four fully-stocked state-of-the-art ambulances.

Though we have grown over the past 37 years, one thing that has not changed is our dedication to keeping you safe and healthy. Your care begins when you dial 9-1-1. Trained emergency medical dispatchers will guide you until help arrives. Please be clear when speaking to the dispatcher and make sure you say, **“I am calling from Montgomery County.”** This step is especially crucial when you are calling from a cell phone.

If you have been fortunate to not need to utilize our experienced emergency medical services, you may not know that you and/or your insurance company can be billed for the service. A single ambulance call can cost as much as \$1,600. By purchasing an annual subscription – at \$60 per family, \$40 per individual, \$25 per senior (over 65), and \$50 per senior couple – you support your local emergency medical services and save a significant expense. This annual subscription will save you from being billed, no matter how many times you require our services during the subscription year (we reserve the right to bill your insurance company). While the cost of an ambulance call is on the rise, our annual subscription rates have remained affordable.

For your convenience, your subscription and any donations can be paid by check or credit card. However, the credit card company will charge a minimum \$3 convenience fee. You can pay online at www.CheltenhamTownship.org at “I Want to... » Pay » EMS Subscriber Fee and/or Donation.” Please complete the enclosed subscription card with the names of all members of your household and mail it to us even if you pay online. And please don’t forget to sign your card.

We would not be where we are today without your support and the support of the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners. We thank you for the last 37 years and look forward to serving you for many more years to come.

Best wishes for a happy, safe and healthy 2019!

The Management and Staff at Cheltenham EMS