



# TOWN OF HOPE

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Amy Drinkwater, Chair  
Wil O'Neal, Director  
Maine EMS Board  
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RE: Town of Rockport – Application for Transporting Ambulance

November 15, 2024

Service Dear Chair Drinkwater and Director O'Neal:

The Town of Hope has been made aware that the Town of Rockport has applied to Maine EMS to become a Transporting Ambulance Service. For decades the Town of Hope has participated with the Towns of Lincolnville, Camden, and Rockport in a regional ambulance service. While we respect the Town of Rockport's ability for self-determination, the choice has potential negative impacts on the current regional EMS and the Town of Hope.

For example, if the contractual amount paid by the Town of Rockport to the current regional EMS provider is apportioned among the remaining communities utilizing the regional service the Town of Hope's share increases by an amount in excess of \$92,400. For a community of 1,698 that equates to an annual increase of more than \$54 per person or 56%. For any municipal service, a 56% increase in cost without a corresponding increase in the level of service for a user borders on unconscionable. For the Town of Hope, a potential 56% cost increase would likely translate into the community seeking a diminution in the level of service to an affordable level. A lesser level of service at a greater cost serves no one well.

We believe that a regional service strengthens the region. Again, while we do not oppose the Town of Rockport exerting its ability for self-determination, it is important to recognize that this decision has implications, both financially and potentially to service quality, elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Samantha Mank  
Town Administrator

CC: Jon Duke, Rockport Town Manager  
Audra Caler, Camden Town Manager  
David Kinney, Lincolnville Town Administrator  
Rick Petrie, NEMHS