



March 18, 2019

Dear Residents:

The Town of Washington and the Village of Millbrook, along with members of the Millbrook Rescue Squad, will be holding an **Informational Meeting** regarding **Rescue Squad services** in our community. The meeting will be held on **Monday, April 8, 2019, 7:00 PM, at the Millbrook Fire House.**

The Millbrook Rescue Squad has been providing volunteer rescue squad services for over 75 years. We are at a critical juncture, as the squad currently has seven (7) active members, and volunteers are desperately needed. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer with the Millbrook Rescue Squad should contact Laurie Olson at 845-527-7814.

As you may be aware, local governments are faced with a tax cap of two (2) % or lower each year. The Village has contracted with a private service to supplement daytime coverage. We are currently investigating options to provide additional paid services and will be discussing them on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Having received prices to extend a paid, private service, the Village and Town Boards are considering a two-year phase in to a fully paid 24/7 service, with the Millbrook Rescue Squad as a backup. These concepts will be discussed at the meeting, as well as the pros and cons of the different options. The safety of our residents is paramount to us. Having to weigh the cost of additional paid service and the impacts on the tax base versus providing stellar volunteer rescue squad service creates difficult decisions.

We strongly encourage you to attend the meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, to learn how the decisions will affect you and your family.

Sincerely,

Gary Ciferri  
Supervisor  
Town of Washington

Rod Brown  
Mayor  
Village of Millbrook