

TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE

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To The Chilmark Board of Selectmen,

As chief of Tri-Town Ambulance I am writing to request funding be appropriated for the ambulance service to sponsor (2) two, of it's already existing EMT Basics to attend a Massachusetts certified Paramedic Program.

Tri-Town Ambulance currently services the towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah as an Advanced Life Support level service, as such we are required by the state to provide 24/7 Paramedic coverage. At present the service has only one full-time paramedic and relies heavily on it's per diems.

Requirement for applying for this sponsorship would include that the EMT Basic is already an active Tri-Town Ambulance squad member, in good standing with all Ambulance Services on Martha's Vineyard.

The cost for tuition for such program is \$9,799.00, combined with travel costs for clinical/Field internship and Licensing Fees, the total cost required for sponsorship will be \$10,500.00 per student. The program requires 50% of this to begin the program, with the remaining 50% paid half way through the didactic portion of the course.

Each student would be required to enter into a contract with Tri-Town Ambulance Service prior to sponsorship approval, that would require 18 months of continued commitment to the service, providing at minimum (6) six shifts a month. Should the EMT be unsuccessful in completing the program or fail to fulfill their commitment obligations, they will become responsible to reimburse the full cost of the sponsorship to the service.

The Tri-Town Ambulance Service is in need of additional certified and competent paramedics, to continue providing it's communities with quality patient care at an advanced level. As the Chief of the Ambulance Service I believe that the investment made into our already committed and dedicated EMT's will greatly serve our communities in the future. It is on the basis of competence and commitment that I, Chief Wilkins would select and recommend two potential EMT-Basics for sponsorship in the Massachusetts approved EMT-Paramedic training program to begin on September 13th, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Wilkins
- *Paul Wilkins Chief* -

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