

**Need an Ambulance? All Collegeville Borough Residents  
Now Have Additional, Local Coverage**

***And EMS is also now located within our Borough!***

In October, 2022, Trappe Fire Company's former Ambulance/EMS services and the Harleysville Area EMS merged, and a new regional ambulance service was formed: Freedom Valley Medical Rescue (FVMR). This new ambulance service is now physically located in Collegeville Borough at 424 E. Main Street next to Sabre's Jewelry. This is great news for us, since our emergency services are now located literally only minutes away for all of our residents.

Over the course of the last few decades, ambulance services have seen many changes, such as the need to be staffed by paid personnel rather than volunteers due to increased certification and training requirements. This has forced them to change their business model of depending on donations to requesting primary funding directly from local municipalities. Insurance payments have not been sufficient to cover expenses. To ensure that all of our residents have EMS coverage, our Council passed a .35 mill Ambulance Tax at the end of 2022. As a result, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2023, now every Collegeville Borough resident is covered by an Ambulance Membership.

Many insurance plans do not completely cover the cost of an ambulance trip, leaving you with the bill. However, Collegeville residents now have a secondary insurance. Your ambulance membership will automatically cover the balance of any medically necessary transportation to the hospital, as well as advanced life support or ALS unit, and any paramedic services provided at the time of your emergency that is not covered by insurance. FVMR will accept the insurance company's payment as paid in full. If you do not have ambulance coverage through your insurance, this membership gives you an extremely discounted rate.

If you have questions, you can call the borough at 610 489 9208 or FVMR ambulance service during normal business hours at 215-513-1880. You can also contact them by email at [info@fvmedrescue.org](mailto:info@fvmedrescue.org). Their Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/FVMedicalRescue/>.