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**JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE – RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
(JSC–RS)**

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CONSIDERATION OF AB 413
(BILL NUMBER)

DATE 12-19-89

JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

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ORGANIZATION, IF ANY WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY (APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE)

IN FAVOR OPPOSED INFORMATION

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JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

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Assembly Hearing Slip

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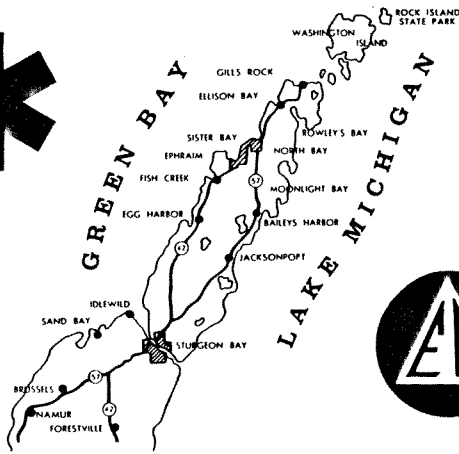
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Please return this slip to a messenger promptly.
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Assembly Sergeant at Arms
Room 210 West
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702



EMERGENCY SERVICES
OCT 16 1989

of

DOOR COUNTY

123 South 5th Avenue
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Dan Williams, Director

Representative Richard Grobschmidt
P.O. Box 8952
Madison, Wi. 53708

Dear Sir:

My name is Dick Burress and I'm Deputy Director of Emergency Services in Door County. I'm writing in regards to Assembly bill 413 which deals with the placing of Paramedics in the W.R.S. Protective Occupation Participant Classification. Under current law only Paramedics in Fire Departments or those who work as Public Safety officers are rated as protective. This is unfair as Paramedics are Paramedics wherever they work. Each day my Paramedics are subjected to the same hazards as those elsewhere.

The Protective Occupation Participant Classification was set up in part when the State recognized that Police and Fire work required a keen mind, physical strength, stamina and agility. Realizing that some of those qualities are in regress in a persons fifties and sixties the Protective category was established. It was also established in part as a benefit to those who have risked their lives in the protection of ours.

Using this criteria, it's then easy to see that Paramedics should be placed in this same category. Good health is a must when working as a Paramedic. Extracation, packaging and treating patients is dangerous, exhausting and deadly.

The Federal Government's position on this is clear. In 1988 they moved to include Paramedics into the Benefit Act. This Act deals with death benefits paid to survivors of "Public Safety Officers" which in the past included law enforcement personnel only.

I strongly urge you to support and work for the passage of this bill.

Respectfully,

Dick Burress, E.M.T. Paramedic
Deputy Director,
Door County Emergency Services

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November 27, 1989

*Carthouse
Sturgeon Bay, WI
53235
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Rep. Richard Grobschmidt
P. O. Box 8952
Madison, Wi. 53708

Dear Rep. Grobschmidt,

I am writing to you to request your support for AB 413. The passing of this bill will alleviate a very frustrating injustice ^{that} looms over several full-time paramedics in this state.

Historically, EMT-Paramedics were primarily members of urban fire and police departments and therefore were covered by the Protective Occupation Participant classification of the WRS. Door County Paramedics (and, we believe, a few others statewide) are employed by county government on a fulltime basis, but as a third service--neither as firefighters or police officers (although the local sheriff has deputized each of us for over fifteen years). Due to the specific job-title wording of the POP statute, we are not eligible for this classification currently.

I have worked in this profession for over fourteen years. I was originally hired by the Door County Sheriff's Dept. to operate the Sheriff's Ambulance. Several years ago we were restructured to join with the Emergency Govt. Office to create Door County Emergency Services. During my entire career I have been a participant of the WRS, but not a POP. However, I respond to all structure or other major fires in my district. I crawl inside wrecked vehicles to stabilize the injured, while firefighters stand at a distance with a charged line "in case..." and police officers direct traffic at the nearest intersection. I must respond at high speed to a majority of my calls (in Door County's summer tourist traffic!) and be prepared to walk on ice, climb up or down bluffs, ride a snowmobile, jump into water, and generally brave the most severe of elements to locate my patients. They may be in cardiac arrest; they may be drunk, freaked-out, mentally disturbed, suicidal, or combative due to head injury. I personally arrived at a home on a "non-breathing baby" dispatch to find a hunting knife impaling an infant to its mattress. The murderess stood beside me, I was deep in the rural woods, and my nearest police back-up was 15 miles away. I could sit and tell you stories for hours that would verify our hazardous duty.

As it stands now, I will retire at age 65. Knowing as much as you know about paramedic work, do you feel this is even conceivable? I am 40 years old today, November 27th. I have slowed abit in 14 years and I have a few more aches from lifting cots down stairs and across icy walks, down snowy steps and over a multitude of obstacles. The county is going to have to find alot of desk jobs in a few years for several of us or risk the liability of leaving us in the field. They cannot place us in POP unless you support AB 413 to allow our coverage.

The change would apply to very few people--it would not be "opening the door" to a variety of other classifications. The cost to the State would be only in minimal administrative costs. Counties, such as Door, with these services would have to cover a few extra employees under POP (about 10 here).

I thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Greg C. Diltz, EMT-Paramedic #334

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54234

*Door County
Services
Carthouse
Sturgeon Bay, WI
53235
Emergency*

P.S. As chairman of the JSC, I beseech you to schedule a hearing on AB 413.

**Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
Emergency Medical Services Program
2740 West Mason Street,
Green Bay, WI 54307**

December 1, 1989

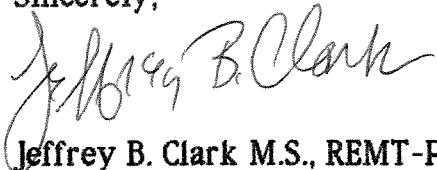
Dear Legislators:

I am writing to express my support of Assembly Bill 413 which would add municipally employed EMT-Paramedics into the Protective Occupation participant classification.

Paramedics are exposed to the same hazards and perils as similarly employed fire fighters in the provision of emergency medical care and rescue. I realize the number of paramedics employed by "third service" municipal ambulance operations is small in Wisconsin, but a grave injustice is done if they are not accorded the same protections as municipally employed police officers and fire fighters.

I would hope this inequity could be corrected.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey B. Clark M.S., REMT-P
Coordinator and Instructor
Emergency Medical Services

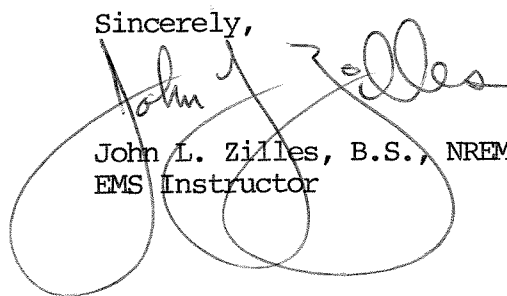
December 5, 1989

Dear Legislators:

I am writing in support of Assembly Bill 413 which moves the municipal paramedics into the protective occupation participant classification.

As an Emergency Medical Services instructor, I work with Paramedics on a daily basis. I see those people subjected to the many hazards and perils of emergency care, including the dangers of rescue and the exposure to communicable diseases. It is apparent that it is an oversight that these people are not included in this classification. I sincerely suggest that you correct this oversight at this time.

Sincerely,



John L. Zilles, B.S., NREMT-P
EMS Instructor

DEC 12 1989

DOUGLAS COUNTY AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT
1602 N. 34th STREET
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RICHARD D. COLLYARD
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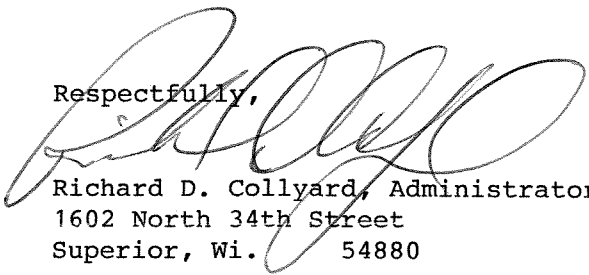
Richard Grobschmidt, Assembly
State Capitol
Madison, Wi. 53707

Douglas County Ambulance Department Administrative staff would like this opportunity to express support of Assembly Bill 413.

Douglas County Ambulance and Door County Ambulance (Advanced Life Support Providers), are the only personnel in the State of Wisconsin that is not covered under protective services. Other Emergency Medical Service providers covered are usually under fire protection.

I fully appreciate your support of Assembly Bill 413.

Respectfully,


Richard D. Collyard, Administrator
1602 North 34th Street
Superior, Wi. 54880

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DOUGLAS COUNTY PARAMEDIC ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 982
SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN 54880

Mr. Richard Grobschmidt, Assembly
State Capitol
Madison, Wi. 53707

The Douglas County Paramedic Association would like to take this opportunity to express our support of Assembly Bill 413.

Douglas County Paramedics and Door County Paramedics are the only personnel in the State of Wisconsin not covered under protective services. Other Emergency Medical Service providers covered are usually under fire protection.

WE fully appreciate your support of Assembly Bill 413.

Respectfully,

Steph P. Mackiewicz
Steph P. Mackiewicz, President
Douglas County Paramedic Association
P.O. Box 982
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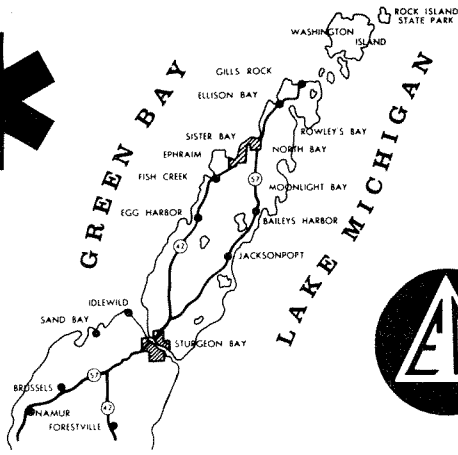
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

of

DOOR COUNTY

123 South 5th Avenue
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Dan Williams, Director

December 14, 1989

Dear Legislators:

I am writing in support of AB #413, which moves the Municipal Paramedics into the Protective Occupation Participant classification.

As firefighters in Door County I work side by side with these people at fires, vehicle accidents, hazardous material spills, and other major hazards. I see them subjected to the same occupational hazards and perils that our firemen are.

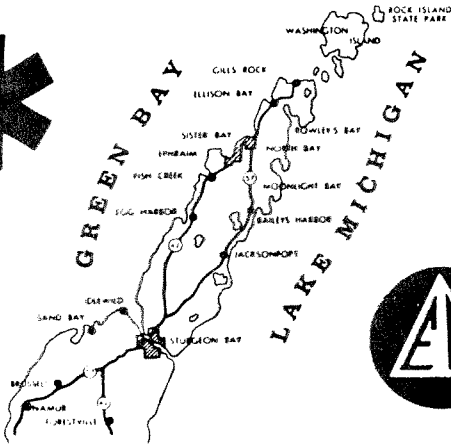
It is apparent that it is an oversight that they are not included in this category. I sincerely hope that you correct this oversight at this time.

Sincerely,

Jon Stahl
Joe Bunn
Daniel J Stahl
Cornelia Stahl
John Fairchild
John Skelton
Chris Ohman
Lawrence Bines
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Paul Burnett
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Fish Creek, Wi.



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Dan Williams, Director

MINUTES EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE DECEMBER 14, 1989

AB 413

Members present - Chairman, Roger Miller, Grace McCormick,
William Anschutz, Russell Wagner, Jim Sargent.

Staff - Dan Williams, Dick Burress

1. Call to Order. Chairman Roger Miller called the Meeting to Order at 7:30 a.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda. Motion by Sargent, second by Anschutz to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the previous Meeting Minutes. Motion by Wagner, second by McCormick to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.
4. Review of Building Plan. Dan showed the Committee the plans that he received from the Architect and updated the Committee on the various aspects of the project.
5. Review and approval of Ambulance Quotations. Dan explained that he received 5 bids and explained the process used to evaluate the bids and also explained the differences in the various manufacturers. After the discussion a Motion by Anschutz, second by Sargent to make an effort to sell Med 5 outright first or trade it whichever works out best to meet the budgeted amount of \$56,000.00 and to buy the Horton Ambulance manufactured in Columbus, Ohio and sold locally from WOS in Green Bay. Motion carried.
6. Discuss Personnel changes. Dan advised the Committee that we have just placed the ad in the newspaper to advertise for the Paramedic position opening. He also advised that we may need to also replace one person who has indicated they may be moving on. Some discussion followed regarding

hiring practices and whether or not we have candidates take physicals. Dan stated that we have not been but he would like to. He also stated that Dr. Steed's office has a test that is a computerized physical assessment that would be helpful in finding weaknesses of old injuries. Motion by McCormick, second by Anschutz to have all people that are to be offered employment take a physical assessment and physical medical exam. Motion carried.

7. Discuss and support AB413. Dan explained that this is the Bill that would allow for Licensed Paramedics to be included in the protective service area of the Wisconsin Retirement System. The Committee discussed it and a Motion by McCormick, second by Anschutz, to have Dan compose a letter of support from this Committee to read at the public hearing on December 19, 1989 in Madison. Motion carried.
8. Review Monthly Reports. The Committee reviewed the Monthly Reports for November. For the Month of November, the Central Crew responded to 78 calls, the North Crew responded to 19 calls and the South Crew responded to 8 calls. Total calls for November were 105 calls.
9. Approval of the Vouchers. Motion by Sargent, second by Wagner to approve the Vouchers. Motion carried.
10. Approval of the Charge-Offs. Motion by Miller, second by Sargent to approve the Charge-Offs for the Month of November of \$1,578.76. Motion carried.
11. Next meeting, Thursday, January 11, 1990 at 7:30 a.m.
12. Adjournment. Motion by Sargent, second by Wagner to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.