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### **COMMUNITY UPDATE ON EMMITSBURG AMBULANCE COMPANY AND VIGILANT HOSE COMPANY MERGER**

The purpose of this communication is to provide insights into the successful on-going planning and coordination of merging the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company (EVAC) into the Vigilant Hose Company (VHC). As indicated earlier in press reports and public meetings, the effort remains an open process with all stakeholders and interested parties welcome to offer input or request information.

Many meetings specific to planning and coordination have been occurring among and between leadership of both the EVAC and the VHC as well as with County and Town governmental personnel.

The two on-duty career Emergency Medical Technician/Firefighters began working from the Vigilant Hose Company facility (25 West Main Street / Station 6) at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2017. Both ambulances were transferred to Station 6 at the same time. Full administrative transition will be effective midnight December 31, 2017, as it is simpler and easier to make final legal changeovers at the start of the new tax year.

All aspects of emergency and non-emergency services and community support will be seamless. Fundraising functions like the always popular Bingo events and social functions (wedding receptions, meetings, business luncheons, etc.), will continue and likely will be increased. Right now, the focus is on providing the best possible emergency service delivery for all in the greater Emmitsburg area to include the general public, businesses, institutions and agencies that have so generously helped over the years.

VHC Members as well as EVAC Members wish all to know how much we value the wonderful and comprehensive way all are embracing this significant undertaking.