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Mr. Dylan Ferguson, Executive Director
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

Mr. Ferguson,

I am writing to you in support of the request made by Chief Brian Edwards, Northfield Hospital + Clinics EMS, to change their Northfield EMS License from Full-Time ALS to Part-Time ALS due to the lack of availability of Paramedics throughout the State.

It is well known that there is a shortage of EMT's and Paramedic's in the SE Region which has been a concern for many of our Ambulance Services. It is my opinion that the request by Chief Edwards is being proactive for his service area to assure that there will be the availability of a qualified EMS response for 911 calls even if it would be a BLS response instead of an ALS response. Northfield EMS has well trained EMT's with a variety of variance skills available to respond in a timely manner.

Allowing Northfield EMS to change from Full-time ALS to Part-time ALS will allow the community to continue to have a timely EMS response of EMT's instead of waiting for an ALS truck to arrive. I am in support of approval of Chief Edwards request to change their license from Full-time ALS to Part-time ALS.

Thank you very much!

Don Hauge, Executive Director
Southeastern Minnesota EMS Region