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Dear Residents; Business Owners; Property Owners; and Regional Beneficiaries,

We are requesting financial support to assist us in the purchase and development of a Stryker Power-Load System and Stryker Power Cot for use in our agency's rescue ambulance. This equipment is a total investment of \$46,650. An anonymous donor has generously offered a \$1 for \$1 donation match, up to a total of \$20,000 for all donations given to the Fire Department for this purpose.

Gouldsboro Fire Department (GFD) is seeking funding to procure and install a Stryker Power-Load System and a Stryker Power Cot for our primary ambulance, Schoodic 52. This important fire equipment will vastly enhance our capabilities for the safe and efficient loading of ill or injured patients, as well as lessening potential injuries to both patients and crew members through its use. There is usually a return on investment after a few years of usage due to the decrease in Worker's Compensation claims, observed in other communities and third-party research studies. Some manual stretchers weigh up to 100 pounds before patients are placed onto it.

Last year our EMS service responded to over 260 incidents for both emergency response and scheduled patient transfer calls, which includes joint calls with the Fire Department. The Stryker System will greatly enhance transport time, patient and staff safety, and other operational needs. This equipment would also allow for less hands-on manipulation necessary to lift and load the patient both into and out of the ambulance, which can make a difference to the potentially life-saving and immediate actions required to address patient needs.

Schoodic EMS covers the Towns of Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor; we also provide mutual aid to the Towns of Sorrento, Sullivan, Franklin, Steuben, Milbridge and Acadia National Park (Schoodic Region).

The Gouldsboro Fire Department strives and will continue to meet and exceed expectations in both service quality and safe operations. All contributions are appreciated and we look forward to continuing public safety services in our community and surrounding areas.

Respectfully submitted,

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