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**METROPOLITAN BOSTON
HOSPITAL COUNCIL**

AFFILIATED WITH MASSACHUSETTS HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

5 New England Executive Park
Burlington, MA 01803

December 10, 1987

Dear Selectmen:

Since our inception in 1979 as the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council for Metropolitan Boston, MEDIC IV has made much progress in furthering the development and implementation of high quality EMS in the Metropolitan Boston region. Enclosed please find a fact sheet which describes MEDIC IV's current major activities.

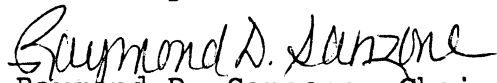
In an effort to continue our progress, the Regional EMS Advisory Council, through the Metropolitan Boston Hospital Council, has applied for redesignation as the Regional EMS Council in Metropolitan Boston. However, a crucial part of the grant application to the Department of Public Health is evidence of support by the cities, towns, organizations, services, and people who will continue to participate in the EMS system should designation be awarded and funded.

In the interests of our continued designation as the Regional EMS Council for Metropolitan Boston, to coordinate and improve the regional EMS system, we request that you support us by writing a letter on our behalf. In order to meet our grant deadline, we ask that your letter of support be received at the MEDIC IV office by no later than Thursday, December 24.

To assist you in preparing your letter, we have included a sample letter with a fact sheet outlining some of the major services which MEDIC IV is providing to the region. If you have any questions or would like additional information, you may contact Kenneth E. Leary, MEDIC IV EMS Project Director, at 272-8000, Ext. 181.

Thank you for your continued interest in the development and implementation of an effective and efficient Emergency Medical Services System for Metropolitan Boston.

Sincerely,


Raymond D. Sanzone, Chairman
Metropolitan Boston Hospital
Council

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Enclosures

MEDIC IV

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGION IV PROFILE

I. Region IV Service Area

- MEDIC IV is the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Project covering the Metropolitan Boston area with responsibility for planning, developing, and implementing a regional EMS system for Massachusetts Region IV.
- Massachusetts EMS Region IV comprises an area of 938 square miles in Eastern Massachusetts and contains 61 of the 351 cities and towns within the state. This region covers the area approximately east of Interstate 495. The majority of this area is urban and suburban. (See attached map.)
- The 1980 Region IV population was 2,107,746. The 1980 Region IV population density ranges from 914 residents per square mile in the Southwest Metro to 11,904 residents per square mile in Central Metro.

II. Major Region IV Activities

- MEDIC IV is managed by the Regional EMS Advisory Council (REMSAC), a standing committee of the Metropolitan Boston Hospital Council (MBHC). This parent committee oversees all project activities.
- There are seven MEDIC IV subcommittees, each of which addresses quality assurance and policy development in the following areas:
 1. Medical Services (comprised principally of Emergency Department Medical Directors)
 2. Trauma Center Chiefs
 3. Communications (area hospital and EMS providers)
 4. Emergency Department Nursing (ED Nurse Managers)
 5. Public Education (interested public and private parties)
 6. Mass Casualty Planning (area hospitals and EMS providers)
 7. Training (area hospital and EMS providers)

- Major project activities have most recently included:
 - Designation of regional associate hospital/consortia;
 - Development of a Trauma Center point-of-entry plan;
 - Development of a Trauma Center data registry;
 - Design and current development of a regional C-MED radio communications network;
 - Publication of Region IV Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI) Planning Guidelines - over 400 copies distributed to regional ambulance services, police chiefs, fire chiefs, public health officials, Chief Executive Officers and Emergency Department Medical Directors of the Metropolitan Boston hospitals, and public safety agencies;
 - Development of MCI Prompter Card for quick reference use by EMS Personnel responding to an MCI - over 200 copies distributed to Region IV ambulance services;
 - Sponsorship of a Region IV Multiple Casualty Symposium;
 - Publication of an EMS Continuing Education Training Kit;
 - Sponsorship, in conjunction with The Children's Hospital, Boston, of biannual Pediatric Emergencies Program;
 - Sponsorship of biannual Medical Direction Laboratory Program;
 - Publication of an MBHC Road Guide to Metropolitan Boston Hospital Emergency Departments - over 500 copies distributed to regional and statewide ambulance services and to the Chief Executive Officers and Public Relations Directors of the Metropolitan Boston hospitals;
 - Current development of a CPR pamphlet tailored to family members of heart attack victims;
 - Biannual disaster drills for all Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals; and
 - Development of an EMS data system network

SAMPLE

Please type onto
Agency letterhead.

Mr. Raymond D. Sanzone, Chairman
Metropolitan Boston Hospital Council
5 New England Executive Park
Burlington, MA 01803

Dear Mr. Sanzone:

The City/Town of (Community Name) is pleased to support this application for Regional EMS Council redesignation. We are looking forward to a continued cooperative effort in the development and implementation of the Emergency Medical Services in our community.

The City/Town of (Community Name) supports the goal of the Metropolitan Boston Hospital Council, through its Regional EMS Advisory Council, to continue to coordinate the high quality services now being provided throughout EMS Region IV.

Accordingly, we wish the Metropolitan Boston Hospital Council, acting through its Regional EMS Advisory Council, success in obtaining redesignation as the Regional Council from the Department of Public Health to further coordinate emergency medical service capabilities in our Region.

Sincerely yours,

Community Official

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Comm. received from Raymond D. Sanzone,
Chairman, Metropolitan Boston Hospital
Council requesting a letter of support by the
City Council for the redesignation as the
Regional EMS Council in Metropolitan Boston
for a grant application to the Dept. of
Public Health.

In City Council,

December 21, 1987

*Referred to the City Manager,
License Commission and
Traffic Department*