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RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE D.C. FIRE AND E.M.S. AND THE BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD – March 13, 2003

Whereas, Ambulance 20 and Medic 31, are the only two medical transports assigned to DC's upper northwest; and

Whereas, Ambulance 20 and Medic 31 are very often away from the upper northwest area on emergency runs to other parts of the city; and

Whereas, Medic 31 is often assigned to "wait" as transport at DC General; and

Whereas, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad (BCCRS) has been an integral part of the emergency medical services provided to the upper northwest area of Washington DC for more than half a century and operates under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between it and the DC Fire & EMS Department (DCFEMS) and;

Whereas, DCFEMS Chief Adrian Thompson stated in his confirmation hearing before the DC City Council Judiciary Committee on February 6, 2003, that he would like to place an additional ambulance at Engine 29 on MacArthur Blvd. so that he could reduce the need for BCC to come into our city; and

Whereas, Judiciary Committee Chair Kathy Patterson responded to the Chief's statement by saying that the citizens would be very upset if BCCRS services were tampered with and "if it is not broken, why fix it";and

Whereas, BCCRS is equipped to respond to critical emergencies in the upper northwest in a timely manner, providing life saving care and transportation to the local hospitals; and

Whereas, the citizens located in BCCRS service area, would be greatly distressed at any reduction in service provided by BCCRS; and

Whereas, we now find ourselves in a time of war when the threat of terrorism makes the need for emergency medical services even more important;

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E hereby supports ANC 3 / 4 G's February 12, 2003 appeal to DCFEMS Chief Adrian Thompson and BCCRS Chief Edward Sherbourne to meet as soon as possible for the purpose of investigating ways to *strengthen* the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that currently exists between the two agencies. ANC 3E asks that no steps be taken to dissolve or dismantle this agreement in any way, at any time.

ANC3E approved this resolution by a vote of 5-0 (a quorum being 3) at its monthly public meeting on March 13, 2003. The Commissioners present were Tad DiBiase, Amy McVey, Amy Hoang, Lucy Eldridge and Matt Helfant.

Tad DiBiase, Chairman

