

HOLLIS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMS

P.O. Box 706, Craig, Alaska 99921-0706

September 12, 2014

Fire Chief Dave Miller
Sitka Fire Department
209 Lake Street
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Dear Chief Miller:

Bobbi Leichty, Director of SEREMS, informed us that you are purchasing a new ambulance and will no longer need your 1995 GMC ambulance. We are in dire need of an ambulance and respectfully request that you consider us when you decide to dispose of the 1995 GMC. We presently rely on the Klawock EMS to respond to emergencies and transport patients to the Klawock Clinic about 22 miles from Hollis. They do a good job, but valuable time is lost for them to travel to Hollis and then to the Klawock Clinic--a total of 44 miles. With the 1995 GMC ambulance, Hollis EMS could cut that time in half, and perhaps save a life or two in so doing.

Hollis is classified as an unorganized community and therefore we do not have a tax base. Our source of revenue is from yard and bake sales, an annual raffle, and cash donations from members of the community council, fire department and residents. We do receive approximately \$35,000 in revenue sharing from the state each year, but the bulk of that is absorbed by insurance and maintenance of the fire hall, fire vehicles, utilities, fuel, etc. Some of the revenue sharing funds also go to the Hollis Library and some towards road maintenance and snow plowing.

Hollis is in a small community of about 200 residents and is experiencing a small growth pattern due to three state land sales over the past four years. At least 12 new homes have been built and new homes are under construction, and construction of others will inevitably follow.

Having an ambulance such as yours would improve the moral and efficiency of our EMS staff and would greatly improve the morale of Hollis residents as well.

Any consideration given our request will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and help.

Sincerely,



Bill Sharpes, Chief
Hollis VFD/EMS



Budd Burnett, President
Hollis Community Council