

# Fw: EMS Coverage Gap

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Betty, Please include in agenda packet under Mayor's Discussion re: EMS Services

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**Subject:** EMS Coverage Gap

The Township Board is working on a plan to cover the PFAS section of the Township and Pennington Boro. This plan will cover March 1st when they shut down operations through April 10th. CHS will start April 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am planning on a one-week overlap for Capital Health and our Career staff to cover any issues in the first week. We may need to move several of our career staff from the normal daytime coverage schedule to a nighttime EMS coverage schedule. Currently, we are working on several response plans and schedules including any extra overtime and per diem costs. We will be collaborating with our Valley Chiefs to decide where we can pull career staff from that will have the least amount of impact on daytime operations. I have received several solutions for addressing this gap in coverage and we'll be discussing them with the larger operational and administrative groups at the next Board meeting.

The PFAS was asked previously to extend their operations and they declined. I have asked Mayor Davy to speak with them to see if they can delay their closing.

Commissioner Hofacker, can you please speak to Chief Demareski and let me know if you require the career staff assistance you receive in the daytime?

Mayor Davy, we'll be looking to the Boro to cover a proportional amount of these costs incurred.

Regards,

Erick

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