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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 30, 2009 2:16 PM  
**To:** Mayor David Scapicchio  
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**Subject:** \*\*\*MOT Possible SPAM\*\*\* Save Mt. Olive First Aid Squad

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*Via E-Mail*

*Mayor David Scapicchio  
Township of Mount Olive  
Post Office Box 450  
Budd Lake, New Jersey 07828*

*Re: Save Mt. Olive EMS*

*Dear Mayor Scapicchio:*

*I have learned that there is an effort to eliminate the Budd Lake and Flanders First Aid Squads, and I write to express my most sincere support for these organizations. Although my first-hand interaction has been only with the Budd Lake Squad, I have no doubt that the Flanders Squad provides an equally beneficial and quality service to their residents.*

*On a personal note, my mother was a resident of Vasa Park for approximately fifteen years and was medically fragile. I cannot begin to estimate the number of times that the Budd Lake Squad responded to a call to her home. Each and every time I called, their response was timely; their care was extraordinary; and their compassion was immeasurable. These Squad members give of their time to our community not only in responding to our emergency calls, but also in other ways. This past year, the Budd Lake Squad has provided "stand-by" service at several events that were held at New Jersey Vasa Home. These people gave hours of their time to be at our events in case of an emergency.*

*Additionally, paid EMT providers (such as Atlantic Ambulance) charge for their services. While I understand that most times this charge is covered by health insurance, let us not forget that not everyone has health insurance. The Township Rescue Squads provide their services to ALL residents. In return, they accept voluntary donations; however, there is not a "per call charge".*

*I do hope that you will reconsider any thought of replacing the Budd Lake and Flanders First Aid Squads. These are truly remarkable people who provide an invaluable service to our community; one that I do not believe can be replaced by any paid EMT service.*

*Sincerely,*

*Elve DeFeo*

*cc: All Members of Township Council  
Captain Frank Carlo  
Captain Bruce Gallagher*

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