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Subject: Urgent Justification for the Emergency Purchase of an Ambulance

I am writing to urgently request approval for the emergency purchase of an ambulance for our organization. The current state of our aging fleet and the escalating demand for emergency medical services and transport necessitate immediate action to ensure the continued provision of timely, safe and efficient care to our community.

Justification Points:

1. Critical Response Time Issues:

The existing fleet is experiencing critical mechanical and reliability issues, leading to unpredictable breakdowns, and jeopardizing our ability to meet crucial response time targets. The urgency of this situation requires an immediate solution to maintain the high standards of our emergency medical services.

2. Unforeseen Increase in transportation of Emergency Calls:

Recent unforeseen events, such as the lack of Ambulances being provide by our Transport Partner American Medical Response, have resulted in a sudden surge in the transportation of patient to the hospital.

Our current fleet is overwhelmed, unable to maintain the demand that this situation and an additional ambulance is imperative to address the increased demand and maintain our ability to respond promptly to emergencies.

3. Equipment Failure and Outdated Technology:

The aging ambulances in our fleet are prone to equipment failures, compromising the effectiveness of emergency interventions. An emergency purchase is crucial to replace outdated technology and ensure that our emergency medical services are equipped with the latest life-saving tools and communication systems.

4. Imminent Risk to Community Safety:

The current state of our ambulance fleet poses an imminent risk to the safety of our community members who rely on our services during critical moments. Taking swift action to acquire a new/used ambulance is necessary to mitigate this risk and uphold our commitment to the well-being of the individuals we serve.

5. Expedited Compliance with Regulatory Standards:

An emergency purchase will expedite our compliance with current regulatory standards, ensuring that our emergency response vehicles adhere to the necessary safety requirements. This swift action is vital to maintaining the trust of our community and upholding our reputation for delivering reliable and high-quality emergency medical care.

Considering the urgency surrounding this matter, I kindly request an expedited review and approval process. Time is of the essence, and any delay in acquiring a new ambulance could have severe consequences for our ability to provide timely and effective emergency medical services.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical request. I am available at your earliest convenience to provide any additional information or clarification required.

Respectfully submitted,



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