



Public Hearing: Protecting Pennsylvania - Strengthening Fire and Emergency Medical Services

The purpose of this hearing is to examine the challenges facing Pennsylvania's fire departments and emergency medical service providers and identify solutions to support first responders, strengthen emergency response, and ensure communities have access to reliable, lifesaving services.

October 14, 2026 | 4:00 p.m.

Hearing Overview

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Welcome**
- **Opening Remarks**
 - Chairman David H. Rowe
 - State Representative Jill Cooper
- **Testimony from Invited Experts**
- **Member Discussion with Testifiers**
- **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

Testifiers -

- **Robert "Bobby" Rosetti**, Chief, Forbes Road Volunteer Fire Department
- **Michael Nestico**, Chief Administrator, Municipality of Murrysville
- **Michael "Mike" Wystepek**, Chief Operating Officer, Mutual Aid Ambulance Service
- **Gary Watters**, President, Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania

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Robert “Bobby” Rossetti

Robert “Bobby” Rosetti serves as Chief of the Forbes Road Volunteer Fire Department, where he helps lead firefighting operations, emergency response, and the department’s commitment to protecting the community. As a fire service leader, he plays an important role in coordinating personnel, supporting emergency preparedness, and ensuring the department is ready to respond when residents need assistance.



Michael Nestico, Esq.

Michael Nestico serves as Chief Administrator for the Municipality of Murrysville, Pennsylvania, helping oversee municipal operations and support the delivery of public services to residents. In this role, he works with municipal officials and staff to implement policies, manage local government functions, and address community needs. His responsibilities contribute to the effective administration of municipal services and the continued development of the Murrysville community.



Michael “Mike” Wysteppek

Michael “Mike” Wysteppek serves as Chief Operating Officer of Mutual Aid Ambulance Service, Inc., a nonprofit emergency medical services provider based in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. A registered nurse (RN) and prehospital registered nurse (PHRN), Wysteppek brings clinical knowledge and operational experience to his leadership role. He helps support the delivery of emergency medical services and the organization’s mission of providing quality prehospital care to communities throughout Westmoreland and Fayette counties.



Gary Watters

Gary Watters is a longtime emergency medical services (EMS) professional who serves as Executive Director and EMS Chief of AMED (Altoona Logan Township Mobile Medical Emergency Department Authority) in Altoona, Pennsylvania. He also serves as President of the Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania, representing the interests of ambulance services and EMS providers across the Commonwealth. Watters has extensive experience in emergency medical services leadership and advocates for sustainable EMS operations, effective reimbursement policies, and continued access to quality emergency medical care.

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