

# LOSAP FOR EMS VOLUNTEERS





# WHAT IS LOSAP?

- Length of Service Award Program

A program designed for the retention of EMS Volunteers. Can be also used for Volunteer Firefighters.

# HISTORY

- May 2023 – EMS went to Village Board with the idea, as a retention program for Owego EMS. No thumb downs received.
- May 2023 – Work started. Information from Penflex handed out.
- June 2023 – Quotes received. \$1200 per member who achieves enough points, \$1677 per year to administer the program
- July 2023 – Quotes given to Village Board to mull over.
- August 2023 – Documents reviewed by Village Lawyer. Questions asked by board answered
- September 2023 – Request to wait on resolution to include on March election ballot. EMS complied in good faith.
- December 2023 – EMS requested Board to Vote on resolution – asked more questions and answered
- January 2024 – More questions requested to be answered.
- Feb 2024 – Questions have led to “time is limited to get on the ballot”.

# WHY LOSAP ? DID YOU KNOW?

- Owego EMS has the largest EMS volunteer force of Tioga County, probably all of Tioga Combined for EMS.
  - Roster:
  - Volunteers responding to calls 2023: 47
  - Volunteers potentially eligible for LOSAP 2023: ~39
- At least one volunteer on every call – yes even during the day!
- Keep EMS local response.
- Coverage by two employees 24/7/365 would cost \$525,000 before benefits!
- Owego EMS cost ~\$48,000 depending on who qualifies.
  - NO COST TO TAXPAYERS!
  - EMS has not received NOR requested any ARPA money.

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## WHO USES LOSAP LOCALLY?

- Vestal Fire Department – run fire calls only – touted as one of the largest in NYS
  - 100% Volunteer
  - ~1100 call volume per year.
  - 2022 Roster – 121 members running calls
  - 2022 Qualified for LOSAP – 68 members



# WHAT KEEPS VOLUNTEERS?

- What do you think keeps volunteers?
  - Pride?
  - Commitment?
  - Personal satisfaction?
  - Not the pandemic
  - Not the station
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## HOW CAN VILLAGE BOARD SHOW THEIR THANKS?

- Thank EMS Volunteers by voting YES on the resolution to include the proposition in the March Election.



# FINAL QUESTION AND ANSWERS FROM PENFLEX