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Vernon Emergency Medical Services Highlights Regional Deployments, Community Partnerships and Statewide Response Capabilities

VEMS members supported major public-safety operations throughout northern New Jersey while continuing to serve the Vernon community

VERNON, N.J. — July 20, 2026 — Guided by its commitment to “Providing Service with a Community Focus,” Vernon Emergency Medical Services is recognizing the extraordinary work of its members following more than 40 days of local, county and statewide emergency medical operations.

Throughout this period, VEMS ambulances and personnel continued answering emergency calls and supporting community events in Vernon Township. Members were also deployed to locations throughout northern New Jersey, including the Secaucus and Hoboken train stations, the Lyndhurst Postal Annex, West New York, Liberty State Park, the Hudson County Emergency Operations Center and the Sussex County Public Safety Training Academy.

Supporting the 2026 FIFA World Cup

The arrival of the FIFA World Cup in New Jersey required one of the largest emergency medical services mobilizations in the state’s history. That operation was led by the New Jersey EMS Task Force, a nonprofit organization responsible for coordinating specialized EMS resources during major incidents and large-scale events.

Vernon Emergency Medical Services is proud to serve as one of two host agencies for the New Jersey EMS Task Force in Sussex County and was honored to assist with this historic public-safety operation.

Beginning June 13, VEMS members were deployed throughout the MetLife Stadium region as part of specialized response teams prepared to assist with a major emergency anywhere in northern New Jersey, including incidents at the stadium. Additional members were assigned to major NJ Transit transportation hubs to help protect the large crowds traveling to and from World Cup events.

Fourth of July and Hudson River Operations

During the extremely hot Fourth of July weekend, VEMS staffed four ambulances for the Mountain Creek fireworks celebration while simultaneously supporting New Jersey EMS Task Force operations associated with Fleet Week, the International Naval Review, Sail 250 and other large-scale Hudson River events.

These assignments required careful coordination to ensure that VEMS maintained appropriate coverage for Vernon Township while supporting regional public-safety operations.

Training and Emergency Preparedness in Sussex County

VEMS members also remained active throughout Sussex County.

As one of only two agencies in the county operating a specialized fire rehabilitation unit, VEMS provided medical monitoring, firefighter rehabilitation and standby emergency medical support during two days of Engine Operations training at the Sussex County Public Safety Training Academy.

Members also participated in Sussex County Rescue Task Force training exercises designed to prepare emergency responders to operate together during complex and potentially hazardous incidents.

Through each of these assignments, VEMS members professionally represented Vernon Emergency Medical Services and Vernon Township at the local, county, state and international levels.

Bringing Experience and Resources Back to Vernon

VEMS is frequently asked how regional and statewide deployments benefit the residents of Vernon Township. The answer is straightforward: members gain valuable training, operational experience and specialized skills that they bring home and apply during emergencies within their own community.

Participation in these operations also strengthens working relationships with emergency response agencies throughout the region. Should Vernon Township require outside assistance during a major emergency or disaster, those established partnerships will help responding organizations work together quickly and effectively.

Through its participation in regional programs and partnerships, VEMS has also secured more than \$100,000 in specialized equipment. That equipment is regularly used to support public-safety operations at dozens of events throughout Vernon Township.

Mass Care Response Trailer Designated MCRT 8

As a result of the dedication and continued work of its members, the VEMS Mass Care Response Trailer recently received its official designation as **MCRT 8** from the New Jersey EMS Task Force.

The trailer may now be requested to respond to major incidents anywhere in New Jersey. It carries specialized equipment capable of supporting the triage and treatment of emergency airway and bleeding-control conditions for as many as 300 patients during a large-scale incident.

While this resource is available for statewide deployment, it remains based in Vernon and strengthens the emergency response capabilities available to the local community.

Recognizing Members and Community Partners

Vernon Emergency Medical Services extends its sincere appreciation to every member who stepped forward during these demanding operations. Their professionalism, flexibility and commitment made the past 40 days a tremendous success.

VEMS also recognizes the Vernon Police Department, Vernon Township Office of Emergency Management, Vernon Division of Fire Suppression, Vernon Department of Public Works, Atlantic Ambulance Corps, the New Jersey EMS Task Force and Matthew Latizia for their continued cooperation and support.

The success of these operations demonstrates what can be accomplished when emergency services, government agencies and community partners work together in the interest of public safety.

Join or Support Vernon Emergency Medical Services

Community members interested in volunteering with Vernon Emergency Medical Services can learn more and submit an application at:

www.vernonems.com/join

Those interested in supporting the missions of VEMS and the New Jersey EMS Task Force may make a financial pledge to help provide the training, equipment and resources needed to prepare members to serve wherever they are needed:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/njemstf-pledge>

About Vernon Emergency Medical Services

Vernon Emergency Medical Services is a nonprofit emergency medical services organization dedicated to providing professional, compassionate community care. VEMS responds to emergencies, supports public events, participates in regional preparedness initiatives and works with public-safety partners throughout Vernon Township, Sussex County and the State of New Jersey.