



# **NORTHWEST AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

**SERVING AUSTINBURG TOWNSHIP, HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP,  
GENEVA CITY AND TOWNSHIP AND TRUMBULL TOWNSHIP**

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## *From the Desk of Vincent T. Gildone*

**As another successful year has closed at Northwest Ambulance District, I am reminded of a saying, “No matter where you go, there you are”. I would like to take a moment in my first 2011 “From the Desk of” to reflect on where we are and maybe a look at where we go from here.**

**By any emergency medical services measures, this past year has been a successful one. As always, Northwest Ambulance touched many community projects. Our employees and auxiliary staff logged more than 2100 hours of continuing education, 70 were in-house. Our community outreach CPR program provided training to more than 1,000 citizens and we made huge strides in cardiac care and continued to invest in cutting edge equipment.**

**The district participated on a regional level with RMRS (Northeast Ohio Regional Medical Response System) completing our 8<sup>th</sup> year with this group. The RMRS group includes the City of Cleveland as well as Lake, Ashtabula, Geauga, Cuyahoga and Lorain counties.**

**In our own county, we are active members on the Ashtabula County Public Health Advisory Team and the Ashtabula County Terrorism Advisory Team.**

**Northwest Ambulance District took the lead in the forming the Ashtabula County Special Needs Working Group that has completed the major part of more than 2 year project to develop a mass care and shelter plan for the special needs population in our county. It is a one of a kind plan in Ohio. The team included the county’s DD board, ACEMA, Area Agency on Aging District II, CareStar, Mental Health Recovery Services board, Ashtabula County Health Dept., Adult Protective Services, Hospice of Western Reserve, Catholic Charities, Happy Hearts and many others. This team now meets 2 times per year to keep the plan up-to-date and continues to develop its future.**

**Another project was the Closed POD for Tier 1 First Responders and their family members. This project is the first of its kind in Ohio and had to meet approval of the County Health department. The Closed Point of Dispensing will serve Fire, Police, government officials, EMS, and funeral homes in Geneva City and Township, Trumbull, Harpersfield, GOTL, Saybrook, State Park and Austinburg Township, effectively dispensing medications to over 375 employees with a total outreach of over 1,000 people during a public health emergency.**

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**The future: our special needs project will now move to a regional project teaming up with other counties to share across counties lines. Our team will be working with the Northeast Ohio functional needs task force.**

**Our Closed POD project will be tested in 2011 as will our special needs plan. We expect both to do well and stand ready to adjust any after action items that would show up during drills.**

**NAD will continue its commitment to public CPR education and we hope to develop an outreach program for the hearing impaired.**

**We plan to continue to build on other internal con-ed efforts, place a new ambulance in service in January, and to continue to touch many other projects in the district, county and region.**

**None of our efforts would be possible without the commitment and support from our personnel and the people who live in the district. We are thankful for an Ambulance board that understands that we need to be more than just a ride to the hospital and that there must be value in the worth of the work as well.**

**It is our goal to continue to progress, serve and support the District and the people it serves. We sincerely believe that our success is a reflection of not only our dedication and commitment but also yours.**

**The NAD board, employees and Auxiliary members wish you a safe and prosperous 2011.**

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