

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Brendan Boyle
Representative Kevin Boyle

DATE: January 26, 2012

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Request – Require GPS Devices in Certain EMS Vehicles

In the near future, we plan to introduce legislation that will require Global Positioning Satellite devices be installed in Emergency Medical Service vehicles that are maintained by first-class cities in Pennsylvania.

Specifically, our legislation amends Title 35 Pa.C.S. by inserting an additional section to require cities of the first class to equip any rescue, utility, or special service vehicles with a GPS device that will provide real-time data and have the capacity to route vehicles to a specific location at the request of the user(s).

Currently, in the City of Philadelphia, EMS responders are facing increased difficulties in locating emergency scenes, due to the reconfiguration and reassignment of personnel at different stations across the city. During an emergency, quick response times result in the saving of lives. Requiring the installation of these GPS systems will provide reassurance to the responders, as well as Philadelphia residents, that the response time to the emergency scenes will continue to be lessened and save the lives of those in need.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this important legislation, please contact Kristen Womelsdorf at 717-787-3055 or kwomelsd@pahouse.net