



One Crew On Duty. Every Hour.

Schoodic EMS is the ambulance service for Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor. If you want to know an ambulance will show up when you call 911, how we run it has to change.

The way we run Schoodic EMS today is not sustainable.

Nights run on stipends.

Overnight shifts depend on certified EMTs and paramedics on call from home who live close enough to respond. There are too few.

Competitive labor market.

We compete for the same small pool of EMTs and paramedics with higher-paying EMS services nearby.

It's not just us.

Rural communities across Maine and the country are facing the same challenge, and many are moving to paid, professionally staffed EMS with a steady funding source.

What it will take to have around-the-clock coverage

An ambulance has to be staffed and ready before the call comes, not pieced together after the call. Communities that have addressed this problem are paying for crews to be on duty at every hour, backed by steady funding rather than volunteer availability.

What will this cost?

GOULDSBORO • SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

\$264,897

Schoodic EMS (shared service)	\$194,000
Town employee health insurance	\$50,418
Outsourced services	\$19,500

WINTER HARBOR • EMS SHARE

\$41,537

What Winter Harbor would be requested to contribute towards the EMS increase.

Not charged for any of Gouldsboro's ~\$70,000 in non-EMS costs.

The supplemental request is what it takes to move Schoodic EMS to 24/7 coverage. This means a two-person crew on duty, 7 full-time EMTs or paramedics including the chief, and a relief pool for leave and vacancies.

No Maine law requires a town to have an ambulance service.

Ours exists because we choose to fund it.