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To: Steve Wantz, Carroll County Commissioner

From: Jeff Lowman, Chief – Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company
Heidi Halterman, Assistant Chief of EMS - Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company
David Coe, EMS Operations Chairman
Eddie Ruch, Fire/Rescue Operations Chairman

Re: Pleasant View Nursing Home CoVID Outbreaks

On Thursday, March 26, 2020, the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company began to notice an increase in the call volume to a local nursing home and patients presenting with similar respiratory based issues. Upon noticing the increased call volume and out of concerns for the safety of the residence and staff at the facility, the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company made immediate notification to jurisdictional officials relaying their concerns. Those concerns were immediately relayed to the Carroll County Health Department who upon further investigation were able to confirm an outbreak of CoVID-19 on Friday, March 27, 2020.

Upon the Carroll County Health Department determining there was an outbreak of CoVID-19 at the facility, all Carroll County Fire Departments and mutual aide partners were notified of the issue at the facility. On Saturday, March 28, 2020, the Carroll County Health Department contacted the jurisdictional official advising the facility may possibly need to send a large number of patients out. Jurisdictional officials, along with MIEMSS leadership, and the Carroll County Health Department developed a plan to facilitate the possible transport of these patients using commercial ambulance partners, so not to strain the 911 service. Through a coordinated effort commercial partners transported a total 6 patients out to local area hospitals. This was in addition to the 911 calls that were already being handled by the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company throughout the day.

Currently, there are no members or employees of the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company under isolation precautions as a result of the Pleasant View Nursing Home situation as clinicians have been wearing the proper personal protective equipment. The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company and other Carroll County Jurisdictional Officials have been working with mutual aide partners to help assist the logistical needs of the facility.

The Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company, along with the Carroll County Emergency Services Association is committed to the citizens of Carroll County, and we will get through this challenging time together.

