

## **Bradford Residents**

### **Did you know that the Bradford Fire District is planning On doing away with the Bradford Rescue Squad and Replacing them with Stark County Ambulance Service?**

If this is a concern of yours like it is for many of the residents of Bradford you might want to attend the fire districts trustees meeting held on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the fire station meeting room located on the Northwest end of the new building.

A little history on the Bradford Rescue Squad. It was founded over 40 years ago on a piece of donated land. The first building was put up by a group of volunteers. That building is now gone to make room for the current home of the fire department and rescue squad. For many years the squad was an all volunteer group that operated on donations only. When the volunteers became few in numbers the squad was forced to go to the fire department for funding, which meant an increase in the districts tax money that you the residents of the fire district pay. Unfortunately, our volunteer numbers continued to shrink and we have gone to mostly paid emt's. At this time we have 5 volunteer emt's, 1 volunteer driver, and 7 volunteer dispatchers. We run two 12 hours shifts and must have 2 emt's per shift. We staff your building 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Might want to find out if the Stark County Ambulance service is going to do the same or if you are sick do you have to wait for them to come from one of their other service areas?

So on February 19<sup>th</sup> please come to the meeting. Voice your concerns and show the Bradford Rescue Squad that you support them.

Thank you

Concerned Bradford Residents