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## **Joint Press Release**

### **Brackenridge, Harrison, and Tarentum Establish Alle-Kiski Emergency Services Authority**

The Borough of Brackenridge, Harrison Township, and the Borough of Tarentum, in partnership with Citizens Hose and Eureka ambulance services, have officially approved the creation of the **Alle-Kiski Emergency Services Authority**, marking a major step forward in stabilizing and strengthening emergency medical services (EMS) across the region.

Following a joint public hearing and formal votes by each governing body, the new Authority will provide a regional framework to support sustainable EMS operations, improve coordination, and ensure reliable emergency response for residents across all three communities.

Over the past several years, municipalities throughout Pennsylvania have faced increasing challenges in maintaining EMS services, including rising operational costs, stagnant reimbursement rates, workforce shortages, and declining volunteer participation. Local leaders recognized that a new approach was necessary to meet these evolving demands.

The Alle-Kiski Emergency Services Authority is designed to address these challenges by creating a unified, regional structure that reflects the critical role EMS now plays within the broader healthcare system.

“This is about making sure that when someone calls 911, help shows up, every time,” said Scott Dadowski, President of Tarentum Borough Council. “By working together, we are creating a system that is more stable, more coordinated, and built to serve our communities not just today, but well into the future.”

Brackenridge Borough Council President Tim Connelly emphasized the importance of collaboration in reaching this milestone.

“This didn’t happen overnight,” said Tim Connelly, President of Brackenridge Borough Council. “It took months of discussion, planning, and a willingness to work together across municipal lines. Tonight’s vote reflects a shared commitment to protecting our residents and ensuring EMS remains strong and reliable.”

Harrison Township Board of Commissioners Chairman Gary Meanor highlighted the long-term impact of the Authority.

“EMS is an essential service, and it requires a structure that supports it,” said Gary Meanor, Chairman of the Harrison Township Board of Commissioners. “The creation of this Authority positions our communities to meet today’s challenges while preparing for the future. This is a responsible and forward-looking step.”

The Authority will now move into its implementation phase, which includes establishing governance, hiring leadership, and developing operational and financial plans to support EMS delivery across the region.

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