

District 1 – Rockland County

STONY POINT AMBULANCE CORPS, Rockland County, is facing a 96.5% cut in the Town of Stony Point 2013 Ambulance Tax District budget as a result of the town's effort to remain under a 2% budget increase cap. Many homeowners presently pay less than \$75 per year. In 2012 according to the town's website the "Town Expense" listed \$321,149.25 which went to non-profit Rockland Paramedic Services for ALS services and the "Corps Expense" was budgeted at \$316,421 but the squad actually received \$181,000 which included an \$11,000 fuel fee that the town allowed for its use. The budget line that says "Building Fund" no longer exists and the ambulance corps never received anything from this fund. According to a local news article the 2013 Ambulance Tax District budget is for \$341,653, however, other sources indicate only \$11,000 of that would go to the volunteer squad – a reduction of 96.5%. Squad officials indicate this extreme cut to funding would force use of reserves that have been set aside for future needs such as necessary rig replacement, radios for communication and other items in a prudent five and ten year capital plan. They want to discuss this proposed budget with the Town Board in hopes that there will be a more equitable distribution of funds.