



Peters Township Emergency Medical Service Frequently Asked Questions

Medical Emergencies

WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A MEDICAL EMERGENCY?

- Call 911 immediately!

IS THERE ANYTHING I NEED TO DO TO ENSURE I RECEIVE SERVICE FROM CANONSBURG AMBULANCE?

- No, you do not need to take any specific action. If you have a medical emergency, simply call 911.

Understanding the Change

WHY IS MY AMBULANCE SERVICE CHANGING?

- Peters Township VFW Ambulance, a long-standing and dedicated provider, has made the decision to cease ambulance operations as of March 29, 2026.

To ensure continued high-quality emergency medical services for our community, Peters Township has appointed Canonsburg Ambulance as the new primary Emergency Medical Service provider. This transition has been a collaborative effort between Peters Township VFW Ambulance, Canonsburg Ambulance, Peters Township Fire Department, and Peters Township.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO PETERS TOWNSHIP VFW AMBULANCE PERSONNEL?

- Peters Township VFW Ambulance employees were invited to apply for positions with Canonsburg Ambulance. Many have already been offered employment. Thus, ensuring a degree of continuity and familiar faces within our Emergency Medical Service.

Service Levels and Operations

WHERE WILL THE AMBULANCE BE COMING FROM?

- Canonsburg Ambulance will be stationed in Peters Township at the same location as the current Peters Township VFW Ambulance.

WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGES TO HOW QUICKLY AN AMBULANCE RESPONDS TO MY HOME?

- Because of increased staffing levels at certain times, we anticipate that response times will be maintained or potentially improved.

WILL ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) CARE CONTINUE TO BE OFFERED?

- Yes. Residents can continue to expect Advanced Life Support (ALS) care. Both Canonsburg Ambulance and the Peters Township Fire Department are licensed to provide Advance Life Support.

WILL CANONSBURG AMBULANCE BE STAFFED 24/7?

- Yes. Canonsburg Ambulance will staff two Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances within Peters Township 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

HOW WILL CANONSBURG AMBULANCE WORK WITH THE PETERS TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT?

- The Peters Township Fire Department and Canonsburg Ambulance will operate as a coordinated team. The Fire Department in addition to Canonsburg Ambulance, will continue to respond to critical calls to provide immediate on-scene care.

WILL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STILL HAVE EMS PERSONNEL?

- Yes. The Peters Township Fire Department will retain its professional Emergency Medical Service staff including paramedics.

DO I HAVE TO GO TO AN AHN HOSPITAL?

- No. Your right to be transported to a hospital of your choice will not change. Patient choice will be respected within reason given medical considerations. The primary goal is to ensure you receive the most appropriate care at the most suitable facility based on your medical needs.

Subscription

I HAVE ALREADY SUBSCRIBED TO PETERS TOWNSHIP VFW AMBULANCE. DO I NEED TO SUBSCRIBE AGAIN?

- No. If you currently have a subscription with Peters Township VFW Ambulance, Canonsburg Ambulance will honor your existing subscription through its current expiration date.

HOW DO I SUBSCRIBE TO CANONSBURG AMBULANCE?

- In the upcoming weeks, Canonsburg Ambulance will be sending out a subscription drive with a prorated rate to cover the remainder of 2026. This will allow current subscribers to seamlessly transition their coverage. Going forward, their annual subscription drive will be mailed out in November for the upcoming year (e.g., November 2026 for 2027 subscriptions), as Canonsburg Ambulance subscriptions typically run from January 1 to December 31.

WILL PETERS TOWNSHIP CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS?

- YES! Peters Township for over 50 years has provided senior citizen ambulance subscriptions to permanent Township residents over the age of 65. You do not have to register to receive this benefit.