



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jeremy Cooney

## Senator Cooney Announces \$300,000 in NYS Funding for Gates Volunteer Ambulance

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Senator Cooney Stands with Members of Gates Volunteer Ambulance Services

**(ROCHESTER, NY)** - Today, **Senator Jeremy Cooney (D-Rochester)** announced NYS funding for Gates Volunteer Ambulance Services. The \$300,000 will be used to purchase two brand new ambulances.

Gates Volunteer Ambulance Services (GVAS) is a non-profit organization serving the residents of Gates, Ogden, Parma, and Spencerport. In 2021 alone, GVAS responded to over 8,500 calls and boast a roster of 180 career and volunteer EMS professionals.

**NYS Senator Jeremy Cooney**

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*I am proud to have secured \$300,000 for Gates Volunteer Ambulance Services. The new ambulances will help them better serve our westside communities and advance the care provided to Gates residents.”*

**Cosmo Giunto - Gates Town Supervisor**

“I’m thrilled to hear this news and wanted to thank Senator Cooney for his efforts in securing grant funding for the Gates Volunteer Ambulance Service. This funding will assist them to purchase two new ambulances, allowing them to better serve our communities. This funding will also assist the town and its residents by reducing GVAS cost and help keep future tax rates lower.”

**Melissa Geffert - Chief, Gates Volunteer Ambulance**

"Gates Volunteer Ambulance is honored to receive this funding from New York State and Senator Cooney. Our emergency providers put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe, and they need safe and reliable vehicles to get the job done. This grant and these ambulances will do just that.”

**Daniel DeSalvo - Assistant Chief, Gates Volunteer Ambulance**

“I greatly appreciate Senator Cooney’s continued advocacy on behalf of our EMS staff and community. This latest investment is essential for the safe delivery of high-quality advanced

life support ambulance service.”

**James Gray - Board President, Gates Volunteer Ambulance**

“This grant is a pivotal advancement for our EMS team and for the extended community we serve.”

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