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March 26, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL

Luke Skunza, Jr.
P.O. Box 233
Glendale, RI 02826

Dear Mr. Skunza,

By letter dated March 9, 1998, you were notified that the Department proposed that a formal written Reprimand be issued to you. If you disagreed with this proposal you were offered the opportunity to request a hearing. You did not request the hearing. Accordingly, the Department reviewed this matter and acted to issue the reprimand.

The basis for the Department's decision to issue you a written reprimand is the fact that, while rendering emergency medical services as an Emergency Medical Technician with the Glendale Fire Company, you did on May 24, 1997 fail to leave a completed copy of the Rhode Island EMS Ambulance Run Report at the Landmark Medical Center Emergency Department upon their receipt of a patient. This action, on your part, constitutes a violation of Section 13.3.3 (c) of the Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services (R23-4.1-EMS) and, as such, is grounds for disciplinary action. The Department also has a concern that the documentation as recorded in the run report fails, in any manner, to indicate the patient's refusal of care for treatment measures that are required per the Rhode Island Prehospital Care Protocols and Standing Orders.

In conclusion, this letter will constitute a written reprimand and be placed in your permanent record maintained by the Division of Emergency Medical Services.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at 222-2401.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Leary', is written over the typed name.

Peter Leary, Chief
Emergency Medical Services

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cc: Mary Ellen McCabe, Esq.

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