



Dear future union family at RASI-REMA Reno, NV,

The Uniformed EMT's & Paramedics of the New York Fire Department (FDNY) have been united under AFSCME Local 2507 for more than 40 years now. Standing together as a union has given us the power to raise standards in EMS, benefitting us as professionals and the patients who count on us every day.

When you come together as a union at RASI/REMSA, I have no doubt that you can make improvements too. Here are just some of the hard-fought enhancements we have made to our EMS system:

- Requirements for driver training, HAZMAT awareness, bunker gear, as well as crisis intervention were all innovations fostered by Local 2507 and extended to private sector providers.
- By tapping the resources of the national union, and mounting a legislative initiative, we now enjoy a 25 year no age pension, as well as a 75% disability pension for line of duty injury, heart disease, and some contagious diseases.
- Due to our persistent lobbying efforts, anyone who assaults an EMT or paramedic in New York will be charged with a felony and could face seven years in prison.
- We are currently pushing for a Line of Duty Death Bill that will extend the same benefits to families of fallen EMS professionals that police and fire receive.

These improvements would not have been possible without us standing together as a union. When you win your election and join AFSCME Local 4041- EMS Workers United, you too will be able to set your agenda as a workforce, effectively advocate for your profession, and collectively bargain with your employer. Your managers may try to tell you that the public sector is different, but, in reality, we do the same work and have the same mission; ***Use our training and skills to save lives and provide the best care possible.*** No matter what “sector” we work in, we are all professionals who deserve respect and a seat at the table.

The Uniformed EMTs and Paramedics of the FDNY commend you all for organizing during this global pandemic and holding an historic union election at RASI-REMSA. There is no doubt that you will be victorious. AFSCME Local 2507 FDNY stands in solidarity with the entire RASI-REMSA unit and is excited to welcome you to the AFSCME EMS family!

In Solidarity,
Oren Barzilay, President