

To Chatham-Kent's Coordinator of Emergency Medical Services,

Since 2004, Chatham-Kent, which has a population of over 101,000, has had the same number of ambulances servicing the municipality. While the amount of ambulances in service has not increased since then, the number of service calls has increased by 39 per cent and the seniors' population has increased by 24 percent.

Simply put, the number of ambulances in service in Chatham-Kent has not kept up with an increased demand.

Those are not the only troubling facts. Each night after midnight, there is only one ambulance scheduled for the over 43,000 residents of Chatham. If a second one is needed, it is pulled from another station like Ridgetown or Tilbury, which leaves those residents without an ambulance.

As a resident of Chatham-Kent, or a friend or family member of someone who lives there, I am concerned. When a resident of Chatham-Kent needs immediate help, it must be available and provided by the qualified and trained paramedics who serve the community.. The time it takes to locate a second ambulance is often time those who need it don't have.

I am writing to demand that the municipality of Chatham-Kent add more ambulances; ambulances that its residents need. Local council recently approved \$820,305 in funding to upgrade a local animal shelter, so surely there is money in the budget for the emergency care our people require as well.

Sincerely,

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