



City of Pittsburgh Emergency Medical Services



Robert A. Kennedy
EMS Chief

Tom Murphy
Mayor

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Mr. Donald Corbett
Penn Care Emergency Products
1317 North Road
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Dear Don:

On behalf of Chief Robert Kennedy and the Pittsburgh Emergency Medical Services, I would like to thank you and Gary Williams from Hartwell Medical for cooperating in securing the necessary kits to retrofit our Hartwell Vacuum Splints. As you know, we have been using Hartwell Vacuum Splints for the past 5 years because Pittsburgh EMS believes they are the best vacuum splints on the market. Now that we have been able to retrofit the old style valves to the new "generation" style valves, the Bureau of EMS now has 9 complete vacuum sets that are compatible to the 6 recently purchased and/or already in service sets. Because these vacuum splints are well liked among the crews and withstand constant use by our 14 Medic Units and 2 Rescue Trucks, I plan on purchasing 6 more complete sets within the next 45 days. Pittsburgh EMS plans to add 5 BLS Units to compliment our Paramedic service and I plan to stock these units with Hartwell Vacuum Splints. Our service has used 2 other types of vacuum splints since their arrival onto the market, and until our purchase of Hartwell's, we have not found a better or durable vacuum splint. Once again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Strand".

David R. Strand
Supervisor