

Rural/Metro— A Recipe for Disaster

Paramedics and EMTs at Rural/Metro in Buffalo are concerned about company policies that undermine our community's emergency medical services. But Buffalo isn't alone - Rural/Metro often puts its business plan before service to the community.

In New Albany, Indiana, EMTs are often forced to take patients to hospitals 20 minutes farther away than the local medical center. In Santa Clara County, Calif., Rural/Metro racked up \$4.7 million in fines for contract violations. In Alabama, Rural/Metro paid \$5.4 million to settle a Medicare fraud lawsuit.

Here in Buffalo, mismanagement, unlivable wages and management's indifference to community needs pushed Rural/Metro's 400 paramedics and EMTs to give Rural/Metro and its Wall Street owner Warburg Pincus ten days to clean up their act or face a work stoppage.



ABUSING FIRST RESPONDERS IS TASTELESS

COMMUNITY COALITION TO SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS