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Suburban EMS sues Forks squad

Dispute involves more than \$14,000.

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EASTON | Suburban EMS sued Forks EMS on Friday to collect \$14,000 in late reimbursements.

Forks EMS formerly handled insurance company reimbursements when the squads responded jointly to calls.

In the suit filed in Northampton County court, Suburban claims Forks owes \$18,680 covering 14 calls for advanced life support services from April 1, 2007, through March 31.

According to the suit, the two sides worked out an agreement in which Forks would pay \$1,650 on the 15th of each month beginning April 15 and pay off the debt in one lump sum by Sept. 15.

But Forks failed to make the final payment Sept. 15 and additional calls remained unpaid, the suit claims.

Suburban is claiming Forks breached the contract and wants \$14,513 – \$11,708 for the joint billing calls and \$2,805 due from previous calls.

Attorney Charles Bruno, who is representing Suburban, did not return a call seeking comment about the suit.

Forks EMS squad director Michael Kiefer did not return a telephone message left at the squad office.

Forks EMS has struggled to rebound since former squad director Cory Daily was convicted last year of embezzling \$21,000. She failed to pay some taxes and bills, forcing the squad to shut down for eight months until it reopened in March 2007.

Questions over Forks EMS' finances led township supervisors to hold back donations and bar the squad from responding jointly with Suburban EMS.

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