

# Vote averts ambulance strike

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Representatives of the city's 660 paramedics and medical technicians voted last night not to carry out a threatened strike that would have paralyzed city ambulance service today.

But high-placed union sources said "there may be problems" with service from many disgruntled medical aides who want the city to conduct a salary review.

Another negotiating session between representatives of the aides, who work for the city's Emergency Medical Service and belong to Local 2507 of the

hospital and health-care workers' union, and the Koch administration was scheduled for Thursday.

"Nobody wanted to take a job-action vote that would put us in violation of the Taylor Law," said Eric Mitchell, the union local's president.

The law, which prohibits strikes by municipal employes, mandates fines of two days' pay for each day of a strike.

**THE CONTRACT** for the paramedics and technicians, which expires next July, contains a provision that allows city workers to appeal for more money during the contract period by demonstrating special needs before the Salary Review Panel.

That panel has asked the city to review salaries of paramedics but not those of technicians, said Bruce McIver, head of the city's Office of Municipal Labor Relations, which has been studying the union's complaints.

The city obtained a temporary restraining order barring a job action by the paramedics and technicians, who respond to about 700,000 requests annually for emergency medical aid.

"We are serious about obtaining severe sanctions, including invoking the Taylor Law, against the union if it goes on strike," McIver said.

"They are holding a gun to our heads," he said, adding that "the city is

under no obligation whatsoever to review" the salaries of all local members.

"We are caught in an outrage today because we have a collectively bargained contract with the unions, but they want to adjust it in midstream," he added.

Last July, EMS workers received an average \$700-a-year increase.

Paramedics make about \$17,600 annually, while technicians are paid about \$14,250.

Medics and technicians assigned to the ambulance communications office staged a brief slowdown three weeks ago, when the union set today's deadline for a full-fledged job action. ■

## Charge seaman in false-alarm calls to police

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A coastguardsman was arrested and charged yesterday with making more than 100 false-alarm calls to police, alerting them to phony air and sea disasters that sometimes tied up cops and Coast Guard officers, boats and helicopters for hours.

The distress calls were frequently so explicit that police thought they had

the calls, Giglioli allegedly reported a small child floating on a log 200 feet south of the Brooklyn Bridge. The next day, police said, he called about a boat in distress near Governors Island with a cardiac case on board. Another time, he reported a red and white single-engine plane down beneath the Verrazano Bridge, with a man, woman and child thrashing about in the water, police said.

Police responding to the calls found

