

## MAJOR VICTORIES WON AGAINST EMS

I'm happy to announce the following victories which were won this week against the Doyle Administration of EMS:

**FAULT BOARD SUSPENDED**--the operation of the Fault Board has been ordered suspended--EMS will no longer be taking away your extended salary benefits by blaming you for getting hurt or assaulted in the performance of your duties;

**PREGNANT EMS WORKERS RETURNED**--eight pregnant EMS workers had been forced off payroll (and health insurance) by EMS in the last two months--they are all back on payroll in modified assignments; [an EMS Specialist working in Communications was also returned to duty after EMS threw him out of the job for being unfit to return to the street following surgery;]

**WORKING CONDITIONS STUDY OF MASPETH COMMUNICATIONS TO GO FORWARD**--EMS had banned the Local's Architect from Maspeth Headquarters after he had spotted fire and building code violations in the building; EMS had also refused to let our architect study the working (ergonomic) conditions in the Communications Division even though it was agreed to in our contract.

How did these all important victories come about? The answer is simple and complex at the same time--through good leadership and solidarity.

It's no secret that the Koch holdovers from DOT have proven just how little they think of every EMS professional in this agency. EMS management is interested in good response time statistics only. Doyle and company could care less if you get hurt in the performance of your duties. Worse, they are more than willing to make sure you suffer economically when you're out injured.

The events of the last couple of weeks have finally publicized the kind of anti-worker management that Doyle and company are. Doyle and Pisani's insults of the EMS workforce in the press backfired on them. The public sided with the EMS workforce when I said that Doyle was trying to destroy quality patient care in this City while he brought back "scoop and run" patient transport.

The EMS worker in the street got backing from many quarters--including Assemblyman Anthony Seminerio. Assemblyman Seminerio saw to it that the entire New York City Delegation to the State Legislature as well as the Dinkins Administration were advised of what was going on in EMS. Assemblyman Seminerio has also agreed to get behind our Line of Duty Injury proposal.