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Form 990-EZ

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2010

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Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions)
All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form
The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2010, and ending 12-31-2010

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Terminated, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: STERLING EMS INC
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 1 MAIN STREET PO BOX 597
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: STERLING, MA 01564

D Employer identification number: 23-7378148
E Telephone number: (978) 422-8567
F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting method: Accrual
I Website: sterlingems.com
J Tax-Exempt status: 501(c)(3)

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Table with 21 rows and 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Rows include Revenue (1-9), Expenses (10-17), and Net Assets (18-21).

Part II **Balance Sheets**

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

(See the instructions for Part II)

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	321,090	22	333,497
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	4,500	24	6,040
25 Total assets	325,590	25	339,537
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	105	26	
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	325,485	27	339,537

Part III **Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RELATED PHILANTHROPY

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 PROMOTE THE HEALTH , WELFARE, AND WELL-BEING AND PROVIDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF STERLING, MASSACHUSETTS (Grants \$ 6,367) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
29 PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS WHO DEMONSTRATE A DESIRE TO SERVE OR ASSIST THE PUBLIC IN THE HEALTH CARE FIELD (Grants \$ 6,394) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 PROVIDE ANCILLARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE FORM OF CONSULTATION AND TRAINING (Grants \$ 3,024) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	15,785

Part IV **List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees.** List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33		No
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34		No
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, explain in Schedule O why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T			
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a		No
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? (see instructions)	35b		
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		No
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="text"/>	37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b		No
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a		No
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b		
39 <i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a		0
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b		0
40a <i>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="text"/> , section 4912 <input type="text"/> , section 4955 <input type="text"/>			
b <i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		No
c <i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <input type="text"/>			
d <i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <input type="text"/>			
e <i>All organizations.</i> At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e		No
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="text"/>			
42a The organization's books are in care of <input type="text"/> STERLING EMS INC Telephone no <input type="text"/> (978) 391-8880 Located at <input type="text"/> 1 MAIN STREET - BOX 597 <input type="text"/> STERLING, MA <input type="text"/> ZIP + 4 <input type="text"/> 01564			
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="text"/> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	42b	Yes	No
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="text"/>	42c		No
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="text"/>	43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44a		No
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b		No
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c		No
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d		No

Yes No

Table with 3 columns: Question (45, 45a, 46), Yes, No. Questions about controlled entities and political activities.

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.

All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47-49b and 52.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

Yes No

Table with 3 columns: Question (47, 48, 49a, 49b), Yes, No. Questions about lobbying, school status, and related organizations.

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000, (b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Compensation, (d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation, (e) Expense account and other allowances.

50(f) Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation.

51(d) Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? NOTE: All Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A. [X] Yes [] No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Signature of officer (*****), Date (2011-09-15), Type or print name and title (RICHARD FARRAR Treasurer)

Paid Preparer's Use Only: Preparer's signature (EDWARD S JABLONSKI), Date, Check if self-employed [X], Preparer's taxpayer identification number, Firm's name (Marhefka & Jablonski CPAs), address (484 Main St Ste 330, Worcester, MA 01608), EIN, Phone no (508) 754-2260

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions [] Yes [X] No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2010

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Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
STERLING EMS INC

Employer identification number

23-7378148

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 - a Type I
 - b Type II
 - c Type III - Functionally integrated
 - d Type III - Other

e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii)

and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?

(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		No
11g(ii)		No
11g(iii)		No

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A) STERLING FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION	222551274	8		No	Yes		Yes		432
(B) TOWN OF STERLING MASS FIRE DEPT	046001309	8		No	Yes		Yes		250
Total									682

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	

13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** **Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2010 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	

16a 33 1/3% support test—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **b 33 1/3% support test—2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization **18 Private Foundation** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) 	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) 	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here 						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2010 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions 		

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

2010

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**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
STERLING EMS INC

Employer identification number

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 1001	Total Liabilities 1001	Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses - Beginning \$105 Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses - Ending \$0

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 1005	Other Assets 1005	Accounts Receivable - Beginning \$4500 Accounts Receivable - Ending \$6040

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 20 1001	Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances 1001	Net Unrealized Gains and Losses on Investments \$26758

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 8	Other Expenses 8	FILING FEES \$50

Identifier

Return Reference

Explanation

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 6

Other Expenses 6

INTERNET/WEBPAGE \$315

Identifier

Return Reference

Explanation

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 5

Other Expenses 5

MEMBER RELATIONS \$799

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 4	Other Expenses 4	CONTRIBUTIONS \$932

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 3	Other Expenses 3	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES \$1749

Identifier

Return Reference

Explanation

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 2

Other Expenses 2

EMT TRAINING \$2629

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 1	Other Expenses 1	COMMUNITY SUPPORT \$5040

Additional Data

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EIN: 23-7378148

Name: STERLING EMS INC

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
KELLY HURLBUT 24 JEWETT ROAD STERLING, MA 01564	Secretary 0	0		
ROBERT KIRKPATRICK 5 NEWELL HILL ROAD STERLING, MA 01564	President 0	0		
PETER MACDONALD 16 ROWLEY HILL ROAD STERLING, MA 01564	Vice President 0	0		
RICHARD FARRAR 29 ALBRIGHT ROAD STERLING, MA 01564	Treasurer 0	0		