



## Press Release

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### **Third Ambulance Purchased by Water Bill Donations Hits The Streets**

Last week, Galveston EMS placed on duty the third ambulance purchased from money donated through the voluntary contributions on the City of Galveston water bill.

The new ambulance cost \$68,000 and will serve the district from 45th Street to 8 mile road from the station at 5001 Avenue Q-1/2. The ambulance is rated as a type three ambulance, which means that there is a walk-through between the cab of the truck to the patient care area. It can transport two patients and is equipped as a Mobile Intensive Care Unit. The vehicle was manufactured by McCoy Miller, Inc. and sold to the Galveston County Health District by the Phoenix Group of Texas.

Voluntary water bill donations account for \$240,000 per year in revenue for the Island's Emergency Medical Service. These donations have funded all of the vehicles and most of its equipment replacements over the past two years.

Paramedics are very grateful to the citizens for their donations. EMS has to replace the busiest ambulances every three years due to its high call volume. This year alone, EMS is expected to respond to more than 13,000 calls for emergency service.

Greg Kunkel, Chief of Operations for Galveston EMS, said "This new ambulance puts us one step closer to having an adequate fleet to take care of the needs of the citizens. Without new vehicles added to the fleet, it could cost \$100,000 in maintenance fees."

Officials with EMS have proudly displayed on the side of the ambulance, "Donated by the Citizens of Galveston Through the Water Bill Fund."

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