



Mid Georgia Ambulance Named One of “15 Best Places to Work in Georgia”
by Georgia Trend Magazine

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Georgia Trend Magazine, the magazine devoted to business and politics in Georgia, recently named its “Best Places to Work in Georgia” and Mid Georgia Ambulance was on the list.

To determine what makes a great workplace, Georgia Trend went to the experts– the employees. For the third year, Georgia Trend asked readers to tell why their particular companies or organizations are the best places to work. And they did. From more than 400 nominations, the editorial staff selected 15 companies for the 2008 roster of The Best Places to Work in Georgia.

“We are very excited and deeply honored to be chosen by Georgia Trend Magazine as one of the Best Places to Work in Georgia. This is a major recognition for us and the other 14 companies chosen. We at Mid Georgia Ambulance are all about our employees and we know that our employees are all about the patients – that is what makes us a great place to work and a great corporate citizen,” stated Ben Hinson, President and CEO of Mid Georgia Ambulance.

The list of the 15 companies chosen appears below in alphabetical order:

- **Bank of Georgia** (Alpharetta)
- **The Beck Group** (Atlanta)
- **Carroll EMC** (Carrollton)
- **City of Decatur** (Decatur)
- **Connecture** (Atlanta)
- **Floyd County Health Department** (Rome)
- **Fort Valley State University** (Ft. Valley)
- **Function** (Decatur)
- **J&J Industries** (Dalton)

- **Jackson Spalding** (Atlanta)
- **Mid Georgia Ambulance** (Macon)
- **Morris, Manning, and Martin** (Atlanta)
- **Nalley Automotive Group** (Duluth)
- **Owen, Gleaton, Egan Jones & Sweeney** (Atlanta)
- **The Peoples Bank** (Winder)

Below is the write up about Mid Georgia Ambulance from Georgia Trend Magazine.

At this company, paramedics and emergency medical technicians must live up to high expectations.

“We expect them to be the best every single time,” says Hinson, who founded the company 31 years ago. “If they’re good enough to pick my mama up, they’re good enough to work for us.”

In return, Hinson takes care of his 200 employees through good salary and benefits, paid training and quality equipment. Still, some are struggling in a challenging economy. To help them through tough times, the company offers loans of \$500 to \$3,000. “If the employee works 12 months, I’ll forgive the loan,” Hinson says.

In treating his employees well, he empowers them to treat their patients with exceptional care. For example, a team recently drove a dying man from the hospital to his house in what everyone knew would be his last ride. The pair drove out of their way to take the man to his church, so he could see a new building he helped raise money to build. If a patient is stressed out about the bill, the paramedic may write off the charge.

The approach makes good business sense, because there is a shortage of quality paramedics. But Hinson’s motivation goes beyond profit. “The bigger issue is to do the right thing for the right reason.”

For more information on the criteria for selection or to read the full article online, visit <http://www.georgiatrend.com/>.

Mid Georgia Ambulance Service, Inc. is a privately owned Emergency Medical Service based in Macon, Georgia. Mid Georgia Ambulance has been in business since 1977 and provides primary and supplemental 911 coverage, critical care transport, interfacility transport, neonatal transport, special event and standby coverage in eight counties within the state of Georgia. For more information about Mid Georgia Ambulance contact Haley Wells at (478) 207-3387.

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