



## **Mid Georgia Ambulance Expands Operations to Lamar County**

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The citizens of Lamar County may soon notice a new logo on ambulances navigating their highways and roads. Mid Georgia Ambulance (MGA), a privately owned Emergency Medical Service (EMS) based in Macon, began operations in Lamar County at 9:00 am on Thursday, April 24, 2008.

“On behalf of the Lamar County Board of Commissioners, we are pleased to have Mid Georgia Ambulance provide our ambulance services for Lamar County. Mid Georgia Ambulance has been very impressive during the transition and has been instrumental in assisting Lamar County in achieving a mutual aid agreement with Pike County which will enhance our ability to serve our citizens. We look forward to a successful partnership with Mid Georgia Ambulance where we both have the same goal: to provide a quality service to the citizens of Lamar County,” stated Wayne Patterson, the Lamar County Administrator.

Mid Georgia Ambulance provides professional management for the critical EMS service, removing the County government from day to day operational responsibility while providing the citizens the latest in medical care, equipment and technology. Each ambulance at MGA is equipped with a new state of the art cardiac monitoring system in addition to digital mapping by way of the Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) and Global Positioning System (GPS) technology. This system allows the dispatch center at Mid Georgia Ambulance to track the call on the computer map thereby insuring the closest ambulance is dispatched to the location and minimizing response time. The backbone of these systems would not be economically feasible for one county to purchase, but due to Mid Georgia Ambulance’s ability to spread the cost over multiple operations, this superior, real-time mapping is available to all the people and counties Mid Georgia Ambulance serves. Mid Georgia Ambulance has hired twelve full-time employees and six part-time employees to begin operations in Lamar County, and local medics were

hired because of their invaluable knowledge of the local area. MGA looked at twelve months of call data from Lamar County to determine the most advantageous location for their ambulance stations. Mid Georgia Ambulance will be operating two ambulances 24 hours a day, and a third ambulance will be stationed in Lamar County if needed for special events or a mechanical breakdown of one of the primary ambulances.

“We are deeply honored that Lamar County would give us the responsibility of serving their citizens in this capacity. We want to assure the citizens that we will meet their needs and hope that every day the people of Lamar County are more and more pleased that we are their EMS provider,” stated Ben Hinson, President of Mid Georgia Ambulance.

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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