



Pike County Renews Contract With Mid Georgia Ambulance

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The Mid Georgia Ambulance logo and the khaki and blue uniforms will continue to be a common site in Pike County for the next five years. On Tuesday, January 13, the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted in favor of renewing the contract with Mid Georgia Ambulance to provide Emergency Medical Service (EMS) to Pike County. The official contract was signed on January 26, 2010.

The Commissioners voted for a year to year contract with four annual renewals for a total of five years. The contract begins on July 1, 2010 and will continue until June 30, 2015. Pike County opted for an early renewal, as the current contract wasn't scheduled for renewal until November 2010. The subsidy paid to Mid Georgia Ambulance will remain fixed for the five year term.

“Pike County has been sincerely pleased with the level of professionalism and commitment of Mid Georgia Ambulance Service. In their commitment to us, we have committed to them in agreeing to keep them as Pike County's EMS service for the next 5 years. They understand the rural nature of EMS services; and with Pike County, they are staffed with leadership and personnel who are hometown folks. I believe that this is an element that ensures both trust and reputation within our county. It is my hope that they will continue to branch out in surrounding counties to improve service, response time, and patient care for all parties of interest,” stated Parrish Swift, the District 2 County Commissioner.

Since Mid Georgia Ambulance began operating in Pike County in 2007, it has become a fixture in the community. One of Mid Georgia Ambulance's goals is to not just operate in a community, but to become a part of it. Darrell Riggins, the Operations Manager for Mid Georgia Ambulance in Pike and Lamar Counties, is a lifelong resident of Pike County and has been instrumental in MGA's involvement in the community. Assisting with H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccinations, conducting CPR classes, having crews at sporting events and education events at schools are just a few of the ways that Mid Georgia Ambulance has had a community focus in Pike County.

“We are deeply honored that Pike County would continue to 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 Pike 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 full service 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 Joe Robinson at (478) 207-3306.

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