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Gold Cross EMS Becomes First Ambulance Service in the area Accredited

Gold Cross EMS has received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services for its compliance with national standards of excellence. Gold Cross EMS became only the 7th ambulance service out of over 260 in the state of Georgia to successfully complete the review process which included completion of a comprehensive application and on-site review by national experts in emergency medical services (EMS). With this achievement, Gold Cross EMS becomes the first and only ambulance service to be accredited in the CSRA.

The Commission is a non-profit organization which was established to encourage and promote quality patient care in America's medical transportation system. The primary focus of the Commission's standards is high-quality patient care. This is accomplished by establishing national standards which not only address the delivery of patient care, but also the ambulance service's total operation and its relationships with other agencies, the general public, and the medical community. The Commission's standards often exceed state or local licensing requirements.

CEO Vince Brogdon said accreditation "represents our firm commitment to our patients and community. We continuously strive to do our best and we viewed accreditation as another step towards excellence."

"We started this endeavor over three years ago. We were able to examine every aspect of our company and address any weaknesses and implement numerous performance improvement plans. I am so proud of my staff. Everyone worked so hard to achieve this. We are not only a better team because of this, we are also better for the community. We have achieved accreditation but I believe it can only be a stimulus for continued improvement."