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Special Ambulance Saves More Than Lives; Dignity, Too

El Paso County, CO, September 5th, 2006 - On September 7th, 2006 local ambulance provider American Medical Response is hosting a demonstration of a vehicle never before seen in this area. Starting at 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. paramedics will be on hand at (location) to demonstrate the life-saving features of this new ambulance. A Bariatric unit, capable of transporting patients weighing from more than 600 pounds to 1,000 pounds, joined AMR's fleet on August 29th, 2006.

Taking into account both the safety of the ambulance crew as well as the dignity of their patients, this vehicle eliminates the embarrassment larger patients can experience when being lifted by six to seven crew members into the back of the ambulance. This Bariatric unit has an ergonomically placed lift as well as a custom designed wench system that controls movement of a widened, reinforced cot. Once inside the AMR unit, the patient is secured at seven key locking points for safe transport.

“This vehicle is revolutionary for our patients in this category,” states Operations Director Ted Sayer. “In other areas of the country, patients who are more than 400-500 pounds are being transported on their backs in ambulances and even on flat-bed trucks. AMR is bringing a level of sophistication and respect to our patients that is not seen in any other area locally.”

American Medical Response Inc., (www.amr.net) America's leading provider of medical transportation, is locally operated in 36 states and the District of Columbia. More than 18,000 AMR paramedics, EMTs and other professionals transport nearly four million patients nationwide each year in emergency, critical and non-emergency situations. Operating a fleet of approximately 4,400 vehicles, AMR is headquartered in Greenwood Village, CO.

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