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Lee County EMS awarded national accreditation

Fort Myers, FL, July 12, 2016 — Lee County Emergency Medical Services has received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). The accreditation confirms the organization's compliance with CAAS' national standards of excellence.

Lee County EMS is one of only 175 ambulance services in the country – and one of 15 in Florida – to successfully complete the voluntary review process, which included completion of a comprehensive application and on-site review by national experts in emergency medical services.

CAAS is a non-profit organization that 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 that 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.

"I am not the least bit surprised that our EMS team is highly ranked nationally," Lee County Commission Chairman Frank Mann said. "We are proud of our team."

This is the Lee County Public Safety Department's fourth accreditation. The services provided by the department are also accredited by the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch for both fire and EMS communications. LeeFlight, the county's air medical program, is accredited by The Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transportation Services.

"CAAS accreditation is considered a gold standard in the industry, and it shows the dedication of the men and women who provide emergency medical care and excellent customer service in our community," Public Safety Director Rob Farmer said.

Lee County Public Safety encompasses emergency telecommunications and fire/EMS dispatch, emergency management, emergency medical services, and all E-911 / government communications network infrastructure.

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