## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Betsy Clayton, APR/CPRC Communications Director Lee County Government 239-533-2221 LeeCountyPIO@leegov.com

## Lee County EMS successfully completes national reaccreditation

Fort Myers, FL, July 7, 2025— Lee County Emergency Medical Services has received a full three-year reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). The re-accreditation confirms the organization's compliance with CAAS' national standards of excellence.

Lee County EMS is one of less than 200 ambulance services in the United States and Canada – and one of 26 in Florida – to successfully complete the voluntary review process, which included completion of a comprehensive application and on-site inspection by national experts in emergency medical services. The on-site inspection concluded with no deficiencies across the 107 standard areas.

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 exceed state or local licensing requirements.

Lee County's Department of Public Safety holds four accreditations. The services provided by the department also are 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.

Lee County Public Safety encompasses emergency telecommunications and fire/EMS dispatch, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services and all E-911/government communications network infrastructure.

To receive updates from Lee County Government, sign up for the newsletter here: <u>www.leegov.com/resources/newsletters</u>. Follow Lee County Government on Facebook, <u>www.facebook.com/leecountyflbocc</u>.