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Tri-County Health Care dedicates new ambulance

WADENA, Minn. – Aug. 31, 2017 – Tri-County Health Care celebrated the addition of a new ambulance to its emergency medical services (EMS) fleet with a dedication and blessing on Monday, Aug. 21. EMS personnel and administration members attended the dedication.

Manufactured by American Emergency Vehicles, the new ambulance features a custom design and was sold to Tri-County through Premiere Specialty Vehicles of Fergus Falls. The new ambulance replaces an existing ambulance that reached more than 245,000 miles.

“Ambulances are places for a lot of different emotions,” said Mike Ittner, EMS supervisor. “There’s happiness, sadness, hopefulness and fear. We realize that people are apprehensive when we arrive. High-quality equipment, good training and professionalism from our staff remain the gold standard of service to our community. I hope when you see the ambulance arriving, your fears and apprehension is relieved somewhat.”

Noel Rich, a retired priest from St. Helen’s Episcopal Church in Wadena, provided a blessing for the hospital staff and ambulance EMS crews who will operate and work in the vehicle.

“We take our responsibilities of the life-saving capabilities of our EMS service seriously,” said Tri-County President/CEO Joel Beiswenger. “We are committed to maintaining the highest level of capability, technology and equipment such as this ambulance, paired with great people and local and regional partnerships.”

Tri-County also looks forward to the arrival of a second new ambulance, estimated to arrive in three to four weeks. Once this ambulance arrives, Tri-County EMS will have four ambulances in its fleet.

ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Tri-County Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system located in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as minimally invasive surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics and rehabilitation. Tri-County operates a 25-bed hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, as well as six satellite clinics and three physical therapy clinics across Todd, Wadena and Otter Tail counties. Satellite clinic locations include Henning, Bertha, Ottertail, Sebeka, Verndale and Baxter. Visit www.tchc.org.

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