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New Ambulance Arrives in Leadville

LEADVILLE, COLO. (May 23, 2018)

A brand new ambulance rolled down 4th Street last week, making its way from the manufacturer to St. Vincent Hospital. The shiny new vehicle arrived as result of over twelve months of fundraising and planning.

St. Vincent Hospital submitted a grant request to Colorado Department of Health and Environment EMS and Trauma funding in 2017 and was approved for 50% funding on a new ambulance and additional equipment. The equipment portion of the grant funded a new ZOLL heart rate monitor/defibrillator and a Stryker cot and Stryker power load system. The cot and power load system are among numerous features in the ambulance that are designed for the safety of patients and medics.

“Our goal is to replace our ambulances every ten years depending on mileage and condition. The addition of our new ambulance has kept us on track with this goal,” said Tom Schwander Ambulance Service Director at St. Vincent Hospital. Until this past week the ambulance service had 3 ambulances: A 2015 Dodge (also bought with CDPHE partial funding), a 2008 and 2004 Ford. The 2004 ambulance will be retired now that the 2018 ambulance has been added to the fleet.

The geographic size of the ambulance service area is approximately 400 square miles. With the type of weather conditions and terrain the vehicles experience, Schwander is vigilant about maintenance and upkeep to ensure the fleet of ambulances is reliable.

The ambulance and equipment project total was \$243,944 the itemized costs are as follows:

Ambulance: \$174,057

Zoll Monitor/Defibrillator: \$29,705

Stryker Cot/ Power load system at \$40,182

Funding commitments included

CDPHE EMTS \$116,223.

El Pomar \$10,000.

Ned Warner Design \$510. (from the designer’s Leadville sticker sales)

St. Vincent Hospital \$117,121.

“St. Vincent Hospital is very thankful to our funding partners for their assistance and recognition of the importance of an up-to-date ambulance fleet. We are proud to serve this community with a reliable and modern fleet of ambulances,” commented Gary Campbell, St. Vincent General Hospital District CEO.

St. Vincent Hospital also expressed gratitude to Central Mountains Regional EMS Trauma Advisory Council (CMRETAC), saying “they have been a great support to our operations and planning for the future of ambulance services in Lake County.”

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Pictured with the new Ambulance (L-R) are Paramedics, Jeremiah Grantham and Jonathan Burk