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## **Grandview EMS Upgrades Ambulance Force**

*Newer Models to Offer Additional Space, Safety*



These Freightliner FL-60 ambulances were recently purchased by Grandview Medical Center to augment its Marion County EMS service. EMS personnel recently underwent training and orientation on using the many additional features the units provide to both patients and crew. EMS officials said they wanted to thank the Kimball and Jasper fire departments for helping provide training equipment during the exercise.

Paramedics to care for patients.”

Both ambulances are Freightliner FL-60 walkthrough extended cabs equipped with a 5.9-liter Cummins inline 6-cylinder turbo diesel engines and 6-speed Allison automatic transmissions. Inside is climate-controlled in both front and back with a rooftop air conditioning unit. Roberts said the engines, when well-maintained, are routinely rated for one million-plus mileage.

JASPER, TN – With additional space for patient care and added safety in mind, Grandview Medical Center recently upgraded its Emergency Medical Services to include two updated ambulances.

These larger Grandview EMS units will not go unnoticed as they eventually enter service and begin answering dispatches throughout the county, said Grandview EMS Director Jeff Roberts.

“These ambulances are much larger than those we’ve used before,” Roberts said. “They can accommodate additional equipment storage and there is more inside room for our EMTs and

Roberts said that with the larger size and more evenly distributed weight, the ambulances can also be safer for both patients and crew. More visibility can mean increased safety, Roberts said.

"All of our EMS personnel will receive thorough training on the safe and efficient driving operation of the units before they are put into service, which will take a few weeks," Roberts said.

"We take the responsibility as the steward of the EMS service for Marion County very seriously," said Bruce Baldwin, Grandview CEO. "We evaluated our current equipment, listened to our EMS personnel and agreed that these newer ambulances were necessary parts of our ongoing technology and equipment assessment. It is all part of our renewed commitment to providing only the best health care and patient experiences possible."

#### About Grandview Medical Center

Grandview Medical Center, a member of Capella Healthcare's family of hospitals, is a fully accredited 70-bed licensed hospital located in Jasper, Tenn. The hospital serves Marion, Sequatchie counties in Tennessee and north Jackson County in Alabama. Grandview Medical Center also operates the Marion County Ambulance Service; North Valley Medical Plaza, a 24-hour emergency department and outpatient clinic in Dunlap; and Mountainview Treatment Center, an adult inpatient psychiatric program located on the grounds of Grandview Medical Center. For more information, please visit [www.grandviewmedicalcenter.com](http://www.grandviewmedicalcenter.com).

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