

Lancaster EMS has received reaccreditation from the commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services for its compliance with national standards of excellence. Lancaster EMS is the only ambulance service in Lancaster County to successfully achieve this accomplishment after the voluntary review process. This review includes completion of a comprehensive application and on-site review by national experts in emergency medical services (EMS). With this achievement, Lancaster EMS becomes only one of six ambulance services to be accredited in the state of Pennsylvania.

The Commission is a non-profit organization which 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 which not only address the delivery of patient care, but also the ambulance service's total operation and its relationship with other agencies, the general public, and the medical community. The Commission's standards often exceed state or local licensing requirements.

C. Robert May, Executive Director, said accreditation "represents our firm commitment to our patients and to our community. We continuously strive to do our very best and we view accreditation as another step toward excellence."

"Our staff has been key to our success in achieving reaccreditation. I believe that it provides the sense of prestige and pride to work for an accredited ambulance service provider. Everyone at Lancaster EMS played a valuable role in our ability to meet the Commission's high standards. We have achieved accreditation but I believe it can only be a stimulus for continued improvement."