



## News Release

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### State EMS Authority Selects Hall Ambulance to Receive One of 26 Disaster Medical Vehicles

Hall Ambulance Service has been chosen by the California EMS Authority as one of 26 emergency providers to receive the strategic placement of a Disaster Medical Services Unit (DMSU) in the state's third largest county.

The vehicle was presented to the Company on April 21, 2008, during a news conference/presentation at Hall Ambulance's Administrative Offices. In a ceremonial gesture, Jeff Rubin, Division Chief of the State EMS Authority, Disaster Medical Services Division presented the keys to the vehicle, known as DMSU #128, to Harvey L. Hall, Founder and President of Hall Ambulance Service, Inc. Representatives from Senator Ashburn's and Assemblywoman Parra's office presented Mr. Hall with Certificates of Recognition, while comments were made by representatives from Assemblywoman Fuller, and Supervisor Maben's office. In addition, Kern County EMS Director Ross Elliott, Bakersfield City Fire Chief Ron Frazee and Bakersfield City Councilwoman Sue Benham spoke about the importance of having such a resource available during a disaster.

The addition of this vehicle complements the Company's commitment to disaster preparedness, which includes being one of several private-ambulance providers designated to respond ambulance strike teams throughout California in the event of a mass casualty catastrophe.

The issuance of the DMSU to Hall Ambulance Service further illustrates the private / public partnership between ambulance providers and the state of California along with their local EMS agencies. By allowing ambulance providers to receive the benefit of grant funding through the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the DMSU vehicles, the public safety net has been greatly extended in Kern County and California.

The DMSU is truly a welcome addition to the fleet of emergency medical vehicles at Hall Ambulance Service. The Company appreciates the opportunity to enhance its ability to care for the citizens of Kern County and the state of California during a mass casualty incident.

Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, the California Emergency Medical Services Authority determined there was a need to ensure that the state's pre-hospital care system was prepared for a catastrophic disaster. As a result, the EMS authority convened a Task Force of EMS system experts to develop an Ambulance Strike Team Task Force— allowing for a coordinated response of mass ambulances to an event.

During the process, the Task Force identified that many areas of the state did not have the ability to provide large quantities of emergency medical supplies at the scene of an incident rapidly. With funding through the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Task Force developed a vehicle that would have the ability to respond with red lights and sirens to incidents and be stocked with large quantities of emergency medical supplies.

The DMSU contains large quantities of full body spinal immobilization devices, mass oxygen distribution systems, arm and leg splints, bandaging supplies, airway maintenance equipment and personnel protective equipment. Other items contained in the DMSU for use at large-scale incidents include a generator and portable scene lights for night operations blankets, water and dry food supplies and two-way radios programmed with access to many government radio frequencies for disaster communications.

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*Note: Photos of the presentation may be viewed by clicking:*  
<http://www.hallamb.com/DMSU/index.htm>