

Commercial Ambulance Services

Services: Emergency Ambulance Service, American Medical Response, Medical Express, Hunter Ambulance, Transcare, and Lifestar Response.

The commercial ambulance service consists of both ambulances and ambulance responses. These services provide BLS, ALS, and Specialty Care Medical Transports, employing a large number of EMT-Bs, EMT-CCs, EMT-Ps and EMT-Ps with additional specialty training. Calls consist of patients attending doctor's appointments, testing, procedures, dialysis, and/or radiation treatments. Commercial ambulances also transport patients between hospitals, those being transferred from skilled nursing facilities to hospitals, out-of-state hospitals, rehab centers, and other skilled nursing facilities. Commercial ambulances also provide ground transport for patients using fixed-wing airline flights from one hospital to another for further medical treatment.

Specialty care inter-facility transports include patients who have suffered medical emergencies or trauma beyond the care of a particular institution. Some of the specialty devices utilized during these transports include ventilators, external pacemakers, left ventricular assist devices, chest tubes, balloon pumps, cerebral ventricular drains. The rough estimate on the number of medical calls we perform yearly is over 78,000, or almost 250 calls per day and approximately 257,000 ambulance transports per year.