

STAT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LOCAL NEWS

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CPR and AED training last Tuesday of every month from 9 - 1 p.m.
- Join STAT EMS at the VAAA Health Fair in May at Crossroads Village.
- Do you have an old cell phone? Please drop off your phone at STAT.

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STAT EMS ADDING AND CREATING LOCAL JOBS

STAT EMS, Inc of Genesee County added more pre-hospital health care jobs to the local economy since late August 2010 than years before company officials said.

“Since August 2010 we have hired, trained, and retained nearly 60 new employees ranging from EMT-Basic, Paramedic’s, dispatchers, wheel chair drivers, and supply equipment specialists, says Joseph R. Karlichek, COO and Vice President.

“Our growth has come on the heels of better customer service expectations, quality of service and delivery of cost efficient services to local communities and many health care facilities in Genesee County”,

says Marc Lund, CEO.

With local jobs becoming scarce STAT has also found a way to recruit new prospects looking for health care jobs. STAT conducts State of Michigan approved EMT training classes where people who are interested in the field of pre-hospital medicine can become eligible for employment upon graduation. Since the EMS Education courses began, STAT has hired nearly a dozen from the school.

“This is a great opportunity for people and our community. We are proud to create local jobs here in our local communities from a local public safety agency. Keep it local is who STAT EMS is”, says Karlichek.

STAT EMS also added two new ambulance stations to their other eight in Genesee County in the past four months. One located in Mundy Township off of Hill road and US23 and a recent ambulance station in northern Mt. Morris Township on North Saginaw north of Stanley road across from Renal Reliant Care services.

In all STAT now employs nearly 160 employees in Genesee County and is expected to hire more people this year as it is poised for additional growth in several more communities.

If you would like a tour of their headquarters or more information you can reach STAT at www.statems.net. Or 810.238.7672 ext. 214.



DISPATCH CENTER RECEIVES MAJOR UPGRADE

As STAT EMS grew so did the need for a major overhaul of its dispatch center. Beginning in late December 2010 into January 2011 demolition began adjacent to their dispatch center (former education room) to add another 1,000 square feet of space to its existing 400 square foot cramped space. With the physical addition came a complete upgrade of its computers, dispatch radios, con-

soles, and furniture.

“Five brand new dispatch consoles integrated with our CAD and radio systems was done in an effort to streamline our efficiencies”, says Juiwana Pickett, Patient Services Manager. She added that her staff of dispatchers have enhanced ergonomics which provided a boost to their morale.

(Picture right: Above (before), Below right: (after).



“Having our own mechanic on site provides a higher level of accountability to our communities staff and patients”

Matt Rozen

MORE AMBULANCES ADDED TO FLEET

STAT EMS has recently purchased four more ambulances with three to four more on the horizon.

“STAT has a few aging vehicles that need to slow down and we need more for our planned growth and recent growth initiatives in the community”, said Joseph Karlichek, COO.

“Our entire fleet of 36 vehicles is serviced by two full and part time mechanics 24-7 at our State approved mechanic facility”, says Matt Rozen, Fleet & Logistics Manager.

He adds that STAT is the only ambulance service in Genesee County that has its own in-house mechanic facility adding that this provides a higher level efficiency and

accountability to our community.

Matt also added that they are switching out a vehicle lift to accommodate heavier vehicles which will add a total of three lifts in the mechanic garage area of the facility.

NEW AMBULANCE STATION OPENS IN MT. MORRIS TOWNSHIP

STAT added a new ambulance station to its existing eight in Genesee County on March 25, 2011.

“Operations began in Mt. Morris Township on North Saginaw north of Stanley in northern Mt. Morris Township”, says Kieth Rumbold, Operations Manager.

This new station will enhance our response times in Mt. Morris Township, Mt. Morris, and northwestern Genesee Township. Kieth added that the company already services Mt. Morris Township to its west and southern area and that the northern end of the community would benefit giving a well rounded coordinated response for Mt. Morris Township

residents. Kieth added that the company hopes to soon meet with Township officials and provide them company updates and response time statistics.

STAT provides EMS coverage to all of central, west, and southern Genesee County and is contracted to provide EMS to Fenton and Linden City. Those contracts are provided at no cost to the taxpayers. To learn more about services visit www.statems.net

FAMILY EXPO A HUGE SUCCESS

STAT EMS was a proud Silver Sponsor of this year's Family Expo which was held in Grand Blanc, MI on March 20.

More than 5,000 people and families attended the fun filled event. On hand was the ABC12 News team, multiple vendors, bounce houses, Grand Blanc Fire Department.

STAT provided tours of ambulances and their Medical Disaster Resource Unit (MDRU), provided over 1,000 coloring books and badges for local children.

Pictures below are from this year's Family Expo held in Grand Blanc at the Grand Blanc High School. STAT was a proud Silver Sponsor of the event. Doug Chilson and Charles Bowen from STAT was on hand all day long! Thanks Doug and Charles!



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STAT EMS is Nationally Accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Service or CAAS. Accreditation signifies that STAT EMS has met the "gold standard" determined by the ambulance industry to be essential in a modern emergency medical services provider. These standards often exceed those established by state or local regulation. The process included a comprehensive self-assessment and an independent outside review of STAT EMS. This independent process provides verification to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, city council, medical community and others that quality care is provided to your community.

**FENTON WEIGHING 911 EMERGENCY DISPATCH
OPTIONS, DECISION LIKELY TO COME AS PART
OF CITY'S BUDGETING PROCESS**

City Manager Lynn Markland said Fenton could save about \$50,000 to \$75,000 annually, in addition to a "bare bones" upgrade of \$180,000 it needs to spend on equipment and technology upgrades if it joined the county.

But that savings could be offset by potential changes in emergency medical response and in police department operations, including 24/7 hours for the police department and the city lockup — duties now handled by city dispatchers.

Additionally, dispatch centers in the village of Holly in Oakland County have told Fenton officials that they want the city to consider joining them.

Fenton officials have approached the county consortium, which handles dispatching duties for 31 area communities. In Genesee County, only Fenton and Flint have their own dispatch

centers.

Fenton's dispatch has an annual budget of \$345,000. The city receives about \$150,000 in 911 funding from the state and county and the city provides the remaining \$200,000.

City officials also are taking into account if consolidating with another dispatch center would affect ambulance response times in the city.

Currently the city has a contract with ambulance provider, STAT EMS, to provide medical emergency response within the city. Since the city contracted with STAT EMS in January 2010, response time has decreased, averaging just more than six minutes, but some as quick as four or five minutes, a STAT EMS official said.

"We are so fortunate to get the response times. I shudder to think what they'd be if we didn't have our own 911, and that's my biggest concern," said Mayor Sue Osborn during a March 7 council work session meeting at which STAT EMS gave a presentation on its services.

King said the city sees quick response times because calls are routed through the city's 911, rather than going through the county consortium.

She said Fenton Township also has quick response times, which possibly could be an indirect benefit of the city's contract with STAT EMS, since the company maintains a presence in Fenton.

Excerpt above from Flint Journal