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## Yolo County's Ambulance Provider Achieves Accreditation

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency is excited to announce that the county's ambulance provider, American Medical Response (AMR), has received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services for its compliance with national standards of excellence. Yolo County's exclusive ambulance service contract with AMR includes certain stipulations and requirements to remain in compliance. Achieving national accreditation is one of the compliance standards. With this achievement, AMR becomes the only accredited service in Yolo County and the 23rd ambulance service to be accredited in the state of California.

"Accreditation represents AMR's firm commitment to our community and patients," said Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency Administrator Kristen Weivoda. "AMR continuously strives to do their best and we view their accreditation as another step toward excellence in Yolo County."

"It gives the feeling of prestige and pride to work in an accredited ambulance service," said Scott Gowin, AMR Yolo operations manager. "Our staff has been key to our successful completion of the process. Everyone here played a valuable role in our ability to meet the commission's high standards and receiving accreditation provides a stimulus for continued improvement."

The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services is a non-profit organization 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 relationships with other agencies, the general public and the medical community. The commission's standards exceed California state licensing requirements.

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