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Medic One Gift Provides For Ambulance Simulator Lab

JONESBORO — Medic One Ambulance has provided Arkansas State University students a way for hands-on care and training with its \$50,000 gift to the College of Nursing and Health Professions. The gift assisted in the purchase of an ambulance simulator lab.

The state-of-the-art simulator at A-State is the only one of its kind in the state of Arkansas. It is designed to enable students and professionals to train in situations of medical emergencies.

“I can’t think of a more appropriate gift for an EMT and paramedic program—a simulator which replicates a moving ambulance,” said Dr. Susan Hanrahan, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions. “The college could not have afforded this equipment without the support of Medic One.”

“Medic One Ambulance is committed to the areas we serve,” stated Ryan Kibler, president, Medic One Ambulance. “There has been a shortage of emergency management service (EMS) personnel in Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri for over two decades. Adding an EMS program to Arkansas State University’s degree offerings will allow newly trained emergency management technicians (EMT) and paramedics into local service areas. This donation will benefit all EMS agencies by having highly trained EMS employees in order to serve people in the community better.”

Medic One Ambulance is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond to medical emergencies. The service provides Advanced Life Support (ALS) crews, working around the clock every day to respond with the latest in life saving equipment. Wheelchair transportation is also available to and from doctor appointments, nursing facilities, rehabilitation and hospitals.

“State-of-the-art equipment certainly enables quality learning for our students,” added Hanrahan. “We are excited to have these EMS programs and can’t wait for our graduates to be in the workforce. Our special thanks to Medic One for this extraordinary gift.”

Additionally, Medic One participates in community events, including Make-A-Wish roadblock, HMG Health Expo, United Way Day of Caring, DARE program, county fairs, football games, nursing home events, school functions and mock accidents. An award-winning service, Medic One has earned honors from the American Ambulance Association, the Governor’s Work-Life Balance award and a Good Neighbor award.

The service has four locations in Jonesboro and one in Brookland, Walnut Ridge, Harrisburg and Lake City. Missouri locations include Kennett, Senath, Caruthersville, Campbell, Malden and Poplar Bluff.

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Medic One Ambulance simulator — (front row from left) Dr. Deborah Persell, program director, Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education, Nursing Advisor for the Multi-Disciplinary Minor in Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Ryan Kibler, president, Medic One Ambulance; Chip Mann, director, Medic One Ambulance Service, Kennett, Mo.; Dr. Susan Hanrahan, dean, College of Nursing and Health Professions. (second row) — Sara Walker, program director, Emergency Medical Services; Dr. Jason Penry, vice chancellor for Advancement; Chad Kruienza, director, Public Affairs, Medic One Ambulance; Rob Colbert, instructor and Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. (top row in simulator) — Students Lance Wallis, C.J. Bradley and Dillon Fryar.

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