



*Jacob Keister, left, and Matt Bruno, right, sit in the back of the new ambulance.*



*The new ambulance is stationed at Fire Station 2 on Alex Road.*

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### News Release

#### **NEW AMBULANCE PROVIDES CITIZENS SAFE, SMOOTH RIDE**

WEST CARROLLTON , Ohio – The newest addition to the city of West Carrollton fire department’s fleet has state-of-the-art life-saving technology.

A new ambulance put into service during the first week of March allows West Carrollton paramedics to provide the best possible care to residents in need of help.

The new medic vehicle stationed at West Carrollton ’s Fire Station 2 on Alex Road has new features such as cameras with night vision capabilities as well as an improved suspension system that makes a smoother ride for patients.

“When the vehicle is in reverse, the camera allows the driver to see anything that may be outside the rear of the ambulance,” said Leanne Nash , West Carrollton EMS Coordinator. “When the medic is parked or in forward-motion, the camera allows the driver to monitor the activities of the patient in the rear compartment,” she said.

The new medic vehicle also has L.E.D. lights and Chevron reflectors that help other drivers see the ambulance. “The wide band of Chevron, an exterior reflective area on the rear part of the medic, helps attract attention to the apparatus,” said Nash.

The patient compartment is also larger – six inches longer and three-inches taller. “That doesn’t sound like a lot, but now I can stand up straight in the back and not hit my head,” said Matt Bruno, a West Carrollton firefighter-paramedic.

During the past year, the department has also acquired the Lifepak-12 Lead E.K.G. system which is a diagnostic tool that helps paramedics recognize the early onset of heart attacks. The paramedics said it has made a crucial difference in being able to provide critical information to doctors as soon as the transport reaches the hospital.

The fire department rotates the vehicles out of service on a 10 to 15-year cycle. Fire Chief Jack Keister said the \$171,000 investment in the new vehicle is a worthwhile one. “Our department prides itself on providing the highest-quality care that West Carrollton residents have come to expect.”

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