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Local Ambulance Services Merge to Become Largest Independent EMS Provider

Patriot Ambulance Service, Inc. announced today that it has merged with Swartz Ambulance Service, creating the largest and only independent, Veteran-Owned ambulance service in Mid-Michigan. Leadership from both companies were on-hand today to personally inform their employees and roll-out the transition plan. Headquartered in Flint Township, Patriot Ambulance Service has provided Emergency Medical Services for nearly 20 years in Genesee County. Founded in 1975, Swartz Ambulance Service has also served the residents of Genesee County with high-quality emergency medical services. Both companies began as independent, family-owned services and have grown with the needs of the community. Jeffrey Yorke, President and CEO of Patriot, says that “this merger will allow us to be a much stronger company to better serve the communities of Genesee County while still remaining family-oriented.”

Genesee County has seen two local ambulance services close its’ doors in recent months creating a need for other companies to put more ambulances and more responders on the road. “Our highest priority is to provide high-quality patient care and timely emergency responses to those communities in need. As we transition through, we remain committed to that priority and will be increasing our emergency resources to our residents.”, says Yorke. Combining the companies will increase the size of the footprint in Genesee County as well as enhancing the services offered. In addition to the emergency medical services it now provides, the merger will allow Patriot Ambulance Service to enhance its Critical Care Transport, Community Paramedicine, Wheelchair transportation, and EMT and Paramedic training programs. “This is great news for our residents. Separately, Patriot and Swartz provided some of these programs independently. We will now be able to provide all of these services on a much larger scale.”, says Yorke.



Swartz Ambulance Service will continue to operate under its brand name as a subsidiary of Patriot Ambulance Service. Mr. Yorke confirms that all employees of Swartz Ambulance Service and Patriot Ambulance Service will be retained creating a combined workforce of over 200 employees and a fleet of over 50 vehicles with plans to further expand those numbers.

Yorke continues to say “As healthcare rapidly changes, it becomes increasingly important to the people of Genesee County to have an ambulance service headquartered inside Genesee County. We are strengthening that commitment to the people we serve. This merger allows us to serve with the most dedicated, talented and respected team of emergency providers. Without them, we could not serve our community.”

The merger was finalized on April 24, 2023 and specific terms of the deal have not been disclosed.

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