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## UINTAH BASIN HEALTHCARE

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# PRESS RELEASE

## UBMC Adds a New Ambulance

*Better Serving Our Local Area*

**March 1, 2012:** The Emergency Medical Services team at Uintah Basin Medical Center recently purchased a new Wheeled Coach ambulance to better serve our local area.

The new ambulance brings the total number of operating ambulances to six in the area of Roosevelt, Altamont, Fruitland, Duchesne and Tabiona.

The local EMS crews serve the area from Ballard to Tabiona and everywhere in between. Seventy Five trained EMTs dedicate their time and skills to saving lives. Each month, our EMTs respond to approximately 100 emergency calls.

EMS Roosevelt Association Secretary, Laurie Jo White stated, "Our EMTs provide more than transport. We are trained and dedicated. We are passionate about patient care. With our ambulance fleet and new equipment we are able to provide quicker diagnosis and treatment to the patient."

Patient care begins when EMTs arrive at the scene with the ability to send test results from the ambulance to the hospital, even before the patient arrives. Emergency responders can now diagnose on scene and can also determine if the patient needs to be transferred to another hospital for specialty services. Upon arrival to the hospital, the physician is prepared and ready to begin necessary treatment, drastically reducing treatment times.

"Implementing new technologies and keeping our vehicles and equipment up to date exemplifies our proven commitment to superior patient care," said Von Johnson, EMS Manager.

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Uintah Basin Healthcare is a community not-for-profit healthcare system, serving the Uintah Basin since 1944. Today, Uintah Basin Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive rural-based healthcare system in the state of Utah.



**Pictured Left to Right:**

Von Johnson - EMS Manager, Crystal Thompson - EMS Assistant Manager, Nicole Kurtz - EMS Roosevelt Association President, Ken Womack - EMS Roosevelt Association Vice President (and President Elect for 2013), and Laurie Jo White - EMS Roosevelt Association Secretary.