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1st Annual “Giving Back to EMS” (Emergency Medical Services) Donates Ambulance to Perley Fire and Rescue

[MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, MN, February 8, 2010] – Last week, the three person volunteer unit at Perley Fire and Rescue received a life-saving donation, literally. As this year’s recipient of the 1st annual “Giving Back to EMS”, Perley Fire and Rescue, of western Minnesota, was presented with a jumbo set of keys to their new and fully equipped ambulance vehicle.

The donated and slightly used ambulance replaces Perley’s former rescue vehicle, whose internal gauges were non-functional, back doors inoperable, and repair and upkeep costs estimated at over \$5,000. Serving all of Western Norman County, Perley Fire and Rescue covers a great deal of ground throughout the year. "This truck will save lives, it will make a difference for our patients," exclaims Chris Iverson, Perley First Responder. Through the generosity of various donors the new ambulance was stocked with equipments bags, backboards, cots, and pediatric supplies. In addition, donated detailed bodywork and graphics were added to give the ambulance a personal touch.

Established by Everest Emergency Vehicles of St. Paul and the Minnesota Ambulance Association (MAA), “Giving Back to EMS” focuses on supporting statewide emergency medical services by helping individual units operate with critical and up-to-date resources. Realizing that proper equipment helps save lives “Giving Back to EMS” aims to give away a new or slightly used ambulance equipped with supplies every year to EMS units in need across the state. “We are giving back to those that give so much day in and day out, the responders,” stated Chris Hasely of Everest Emergency Vehicles.

“Giving Back to EMS” would not be possible without the charitable support of its donors, who include: Everest Emergency Vehicles, Minnesota Ambulance Association, Lakes Region EMS and Stryker Cots, North Memorial Ambulance Services, Somerset Collision, Grafix Shoppe, Allina Medical Transportation, and Emergency Medical Services for Children.

For more information on “Giving Back to EMS” visit the MAA at www.mnems.org.

About the Minnesota Ambulance Association

The Minnesota Ambulance Association (MAA) (www.mnems.org) has been a vital resource to Minnesota, representing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) throughout the state. A member-driven advocacy organization, the MAA strives to advance and strengthen Minnesota’s EMS leadership, policy, and practice.