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## LIFE EMS AMBULANCE BEGINS 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN OCEANA COUNTY ON OCTOBER 1

(OCEANA COUNTY, Mich. – Sept. 27, 2018) – Life EMS Ambulance (www.lifeems.com) is pleased to announce an expansion of its primary emergency response area to now include Oceana County.

The expansion of Life EMS Ambulance's operations follows an Oceana County Board of Commissioners evaluation process and vote for a multi-year service agreement, including the lease of buildings, vehicles and equipment. Uniformed Life EMS Ambulance medics will begin providing emergency services on October 1 using the Oceana County EMS vehicles, with a transition to Life EMS Ambulance's iconic fleet colors over the coming months.

"As a locally-owned provider of nationally-recognized paramedic services for over 38 years now serving nine counties, we are honored to extend coverage to the Oceana County Community with our highly skilled, compassionate EMS team," said Mark Meijer, president of Life EMS Ambulance. "We appreciate the confidence Oceana County has in us to serve its neighbors and families in need."

In addition to Oceana County, Life EMS Ambulance responds to medical emergencies throughout 4,200 square miles of West Michigan including Grand Rapids/Kent County, Ottawa, Kalamazoo, Ionia, Newaygo, Lake, Mason, Allegan, and Van Buren counties.

Added Denny Powers, Oceana County Commission Chair: "We welcome Life EMS Ambulance to the community and are pleased to have their life-saving leadership experience and expertise available to our residents and visitors."

Many of the current Oceana County EMS medics will now serve as Life EMS Ambulance staff providing care throughout the 500 square-mile service area of Oceana County.

For more information, please contact Karen Kirchenbauer at (616) 776-3511.

## **About Life EMS Ambulance:**

Founded in 1980, Life EMS Ambulance has consistently reduced response time while providing compassionate emergency care. Life EMS Ambulance was the first ambulance service in West Michigan, and among the first in the country to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services, the gold standard in the EMS industry. Life EMS Ambulance responds to medical emergencies throughout 4,200 square miles of West Michigan, including Grand Rapids/Kent, Kalamazoo, Ottawa, Ionia, Newaygo, Lake, Mason, Allegan, Van Buren and Oceana counties. The company has also earned consecutive distinctions as "West Michigan's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For." Additional information can be found at <a href="https://www.lifeems.com">www.lifeems.com</a>.

## **New Associates with Life EMS from Oceana County EMS**



Back row: Jesse Bowman (EMT), Daniel Yost (Supervisor), Dave Quinn Supervisor Front row: Robert Whitaker (Medic), Jordan Lesausky (EMT)



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