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## **AMR and Shelby County Emergency Services to Begin Providing High-Performance EMS Services on July 1**

**Memphis, Tenn:** (June 26, 2013) — Starting July 1, emergency medical services in Shelby County, Arlington, Lakeland and Millington will be provided through a unique, new partnership between American Medical Response (AMR) and Shelby County Government.

“Our new performance-based partnership incorporates some of the most innovative changes in Shelby County public safety to date,” said Shelby County Fire Department Fire Chief, Clarence L. Cash, Jr., “With some of the most comprehensive equipment & patient care standards we have ever experienced, we are very excited about the coming enhancements to our continuing efforts to serve our citizens with improved ambulance response times – aboard state-of-the-art vehicles – with the premier ambulance provider in the United States. The Shelby County Fire Department is proud to have AMR as our newest partner.”

AMR has made a significant investment in cutting edge technology to improve emergency care in Shelby County. In addition to new cardiac monitors and patient care monitoring systems, AMR also purchased \$2.5 million in new ambulances through local dealers.

“AMR is proud to join Shelby County’s emergency medical services system and to work hand-in-hand with your outstanding Fire Departments to provide high-quality care to the citizens of this community,” said Brad Chase, AMR’s General Manager for Shelby County. “We also recognize that Shelby County has a tremendous number of quality emergency medical professionals already serving this county and by leveraging their knowledge and skill we will be able to take the best care available and make it even better.”

AMR is recognized throughout the health care community for its focus on clinical excellence and industry leading training standards. Communities served by AMR have a 10% higher chance of surviving cardiac arrest, according the CDC’s cardiac registry, and 1.5 minute faster response times.

“AMR has 50 years of experience providing care in more than 2,100 communities and we look forward to bringing that experience to our partnership with Shelby County Government,” Chase said.

***About American Medical Response***

*American Medical Response Inc. ([www.amr.net](http://www.amr.net)), America's leading provider of medical transportation, provides services in 40 states and the District of Columbia. More than 17,000 AMR paramedics, EMTs, RNs and other professionals, with a fleet of 4,100 vehicles, transport more than three million patients nationwide each year in critical, emergency and non-emergency situations. AMR, a subsidiary of Envision Healthcare Corporation, is headquartered in Greenwood Village, Colo.*