

# *Congratulations to Lancaster EMS for Achieving The Gold Standard in Emergency Medical Care*

Lancaster EMS has received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (Commission) for its compliance with national standards of excellence. Lancaster EMS successfully completed the voluntary review process December 2005 which included a comprehensive application and a detailed on-site review by national experts in emergency medical services (EMS). Out of approximately 13,500 ambulance services in the United States, there are 99 Commission-accredited agencies.

With this achievement, Lancaster EMS becomes only the third ambulance service in the state of Pennsylvania to be accredited. The other two ambulance services Commission-accredited in the state are located in State College and Greensburg.



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left to right: Dave Reese, C. Robert May, Sandy Levine

The Commission is a non-profit organization which was established to encourage and promote quality patient care in America's 9-1-1 ambulance system, which is also the Commission's primary focus. This is accomplished by establishing national standards which not only measure the delivery of patient care, but also address the ambulance service's total operation and its relationships with other agencies, the general public, and the medical community. The Commission's standards often exceed state licensing requirements.



*Accreditation represents our unyielding commitment to our patients; our 175 employees and volunteers; and to our community. The Commission's standards are considered best practice, or the gold standard, in the industry.*

