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American Medical Response Ventura Receives Community Impact Award from American Ambulance Association

(Moorpark, Calif.) — The American Ambulance Association (AAA) presented American Medical Response's (AMR) Ventura County Operation with the 2015 "Best Community Impact Program" AMBY Award – an honor that recognizes the best practices in the ambulance industry.

AMR received the AMBY for the development and implementation of a program to treat high-risk tuberculosis (TB) patients in Ventura County, California. The project, in collaboration with the Ventura County Tuberculosis Clinic, is designed to improve the care of TB patients who are geographically distant from care clinics and require time specific medications and monitoring.

During the course of the program, AMR and Gold Coast Paramedics helped 35 patients complete their entire course of treatment, reduced the cost of medications and minimized medication side effects. In addition, the partnership enabled the Ventura TB clinic to realize additional savings in overtime and other clinic expenses.

"TB is a difficult infectious disease to cure. The treatment protocol requires precise timing for medication intake and close monitoring during treatment. By using mobile paramedics to dispense medications and monitor patients that would otherwise not be able to get treatment, we are saving lives and improving the health of our community. We are honored to be part of this program," stated Mike Taigman, General Manager, AMR and Gold Coast, Ventura.

The AMBYs highlight excellence in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) profession and the ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit that epitomize AAA members. The mission of the Awards is to showcase creativity and innovation in the ambulance industry by fostering a culture of collaboration, cooperation and passion for excellence in patient care.

AMBY recipients are honored for their commitment to excellence in the ambulance industry and their willingness to share their best practices with their peers. "The innovative practices of AAA members are quite amazing," cites Ron Thackery, co-chair of the Professional Standards Committee that judged the entries. "Submissions included many ideas that can be easily implemented by other EMS agencies. Most importantly," Thackery emphasizes, "these innovations improve healthcare."

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About American Medical Response

American Medical Response, Inc., America's leading provider of medical transportation, provides services in 40 states and the District of Columbia. More than 19,000 AMR paramedics, EMTs, RNs and other professionals work together to transport more than 3 million patients nationwide each year in critical, emergency and non-emergency situations. AMR, a subsidiary of Envision Healthcare Corporation, is headquartered in Greenwood Village, Colorado For more information about AMR, visit www.amr.net and follow [@AMR_Social](https://twitter.com/AMR_Social) on Twitter.

About American Ambulance Association

The American Ambulance Association represents organizations serving over 75% of the U.S. population with emergency and non-emergency care and medical transportation services. Founded in 1979, AAA promotes health care policies that ensure excellence in the ambulance services industry and provides research, education, and communications programs to enable its members to effectively address the needs of the communities they serve. For more information about the AAA visit their website at www.the-aaa.org