

# GEORGIA TRAUMA CARE NETWORK COMMISSION

**Dennis Ashley, M.D.**  
Chairman

Friday, 17 April 2009

**Linda Cole, R.N.**  
Pediatric Hospital  
Trauma Center  
Representative

For Immediate Release: Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission Awards  
Grants for Ambulance Purchases

**Leon Haley, M.D.**  
Emergency Medicine  
Representative

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Emergency Medical  
Services  
Representative

The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission has awarded grants to 56 of Georgia's 204 ambulance providers to purchase new ambulances. This announcement was made during the Trauma Commission's meeting held in Macon on Thursday, 16 April 2008.

**Rhonda Medows, M.D.**  
Georgia State DCH  
Representative

**Bill Moore, CEO**  
Urban Hospital  
Trauma Center  
Representative

These grants were awarded after a competitive bid process was completed. The agencies that receive these awards must use this money to replace old and high mileage vehicles. The total amount for these grants was 4 million dollars. Funding for these awards are from State fiscal year 2008.

**Joe Sam Robinson, M.D.**  
Trauma Physician  
Representative

**Kurt Stuenkel, FACHE**  
Rural Hospital  
Trauma Center  
Representative

Dr. Dennis Ashley M.D., Chairman of the Trauma Commission, expressed his appreciation to Governor Purdue and the members of Georgia's General Assembly for the allocation of these dollars. Dr. Ashley said; "We would not be able to help these agencies improve their level of care without the support and commitment of the leadership of the Governor and the State legislature." Dr. Ashley also commented that these awards were consistent with one of the Trauma Commission's goals, to help build and improve trauma care and capacity in rural Georgia.

**Kelli Vaughn, R.N.**  
Trauma Coordinator  
Representative

Ben Hinson, EMS representative on the Trauma Commission said; "Many of the ambulances being replaced have over 300,000 miles of service on them. These funds will greatly improve the ability of these providers to quickly respond and transport all patients to the appropriate level of care."

The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission was formed by the legislature in 2007 to lead in the development of a Georgia trauma system with statewide coverage and access. The members, appointed by the Governor, Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House have expertise in all aspects of trauma care.

Providers for the following 911 Zones received grants:

Appling County  
Atkinson County  
Bacon County  
Baker County  
Berrien County  
Bleckley County  
Brantley County

Brooks County  
Burke County  
Candler County  
Carroll County  
Charlton County  
Chattahoochee County  
Chattooga County

Clay County  
Coweta County  
Crawford County  
Crisp County  
Dodge County  
Emanuel County  
Hancock County

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Heard County  
Irwin County  
Jasper County  
Jeff Davis County  
Jenkins County  
Liberty County  
Lincoln County  
Long County  
Meriwether County  
Mitchell County  
Montgomery County  
Morgan County

Oconee County  
Oglethorpe County  
Pierce County  
Pike County  
Pulaski County  
Rabun County  
Randolph County  
Screven County  
Seminole County  
Sumter County  
Talbot County  
Tattnall County

Taylor County  
Telfair County  
Terrell County  
Toombs County  
Turner County  
Ware County  
Warren County  
Wilcox County  
Wilkes County  
Wilkinson County  
Worth County