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## Berkeley County EMS adds Advanced Life Support ambulance off Highway 17A

MONCKS CORNER, S.C. - (Monday, March 26, 2018)- Berkeley County Emergency Medical Services is adding an advanced life support (ALS) ambulance, paramedics and emergency medical technicians to Moncks Corner. The unit will be staged in the area off of Highway 17A and Highway 176, beginning Sunday, April 1. This unit will operate during the hours of 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. This is the second ALS ambulance added to the Berkeley County EMS system this year. The first was added on February 25, 2018. The remaining two units will be added soon.

The new ambulances continue the investment Berkeley County Council agreed to in the 2017-2018 budget to add four ambulances to the department. The new additions will provide support for Berkeley County's EMS medical professionals and assure emergencies are efficiently answered.

"Public safety is a top priority in Berkeley County," said Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler. "We are proud that our EMS professionals are making the necessary advances to increase the protection of our citizens. Our system is getting stronger, faster and providing better patient care."

"As I said before, Berkeley County made a public promise to increase our capabilities in the County, and we continue to keep that promise," said Berkeley County Chief of Emergency Medical Services Matthew Lindewirth. "Our entire staff, from the field personnel to the command staff, have worked extremely hard over the past year to increase our capabilities to respond to medical emergencies throughout the entire County. This addition will enhance our ability to provide advanced life support capability in the most timely and efficient manner possible for our citizens. Citizens will see an even more responsive EMS system in the very near future. Again, we are keeping our promises."

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