



**AdaCountyParamedics**  
Neighbors for Life

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## **Paramedics Cut-the-Ribbon on New Station in South Boise**

### *New Paramedics station in Meridian earns Silver LEED Certification*

(Boise, ID) – The Ada County Paramedics Department today made two very positive announcements; the first details the addition of a new Paramedics Station devoted to serving residents of south Boise and the second highlights a Silver LEED certification given to the department's new Paramedics facility in Meridian for its green-building elements and energy conservation design.

### **New South Boise Station Opens**

The Ada County Board of Commissioners today officially opened the county's newest Paramedics station by cutting the ribbon on Paramedic Station #52, a station that will further enhance emergency medical services provided to residents living in south Boise.

The one-bay, 3-bedroom station is located in a small business complex off of Victory Road on Featherly Way and now houses a round-the-clock Paramedics crew devoted to serving Ada County residents living in the south Boise area. Previously, Paramedics crews serving this area had been based out of St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center on Eagle Road and St. Alphonsus Hospital on Curtis Road.

"We've had this facility up and running for the past few weeks now, and already we're seeing the benefits associated with locating EMS services closer to the residents we serve," said Ada County Paramedics Director Troy Hagen. "We always want to be in a position where we're improving our Paramedics response times and this new station has helped us do just that. The addition of this new station not only enhances services to residents living in south Boise, but it helps our entire Paramedic network operate more efficiently – so everyone benefits."

Ada County Commissioners say they looked at response times across the county and determined a station was needed in south Boise. "If you just look at the numbers, it's easy to see the majority of calls-for-service come from within Boise's city limits," said Ada County Board of Commissioners Chairman Fred Tilman. "The decision to consolidate and relocate services in south Boise just makes sense when you look at the demand. We've seen a considerable amount of growth in that area of the county, and have to respond accordingly."

During today's event, the Ada County Paramedics also promoted its innovative *Neighbors For Life* (NFL) program by giving a membership discount to Ada County residents who attended the open house. The popular *Neighbors For Life* program supplements an individual's existing health insurance or Medicare/Medicaid coverage. NFL members with health insurance will never have to pay for emergency ambulance transport services from Ada County Paramedics. Uninsured NFL members are only responsible for the first \$100 of emergency ambulance transport cost. For more information about the Ada County Paramedics or its popular *Neighbors For Life* program, visit [www.adaparamedics.org](http://www.adaparamedics.org).

### **New Paramedics Station in Meridian Earns Silver LEED Certification**

In addition to opening the new south Boise station, Ada County Paramedics also announced a prestigious LEED certification given to their new Paramedics Station on E. Pine Avenue in Meridian.

LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and has become the U.S. Green Building Council's way of identifying buildings with environmentally friendly and energy efficient design and construction. A building receiving LEED certification promotes environmental sustainability in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

The new Paramedics Station in Meridian was opened in December of 2007 and is the fourth Paramedics Station to serve the rapidly growing city of Meridian. The two-bay Paramedic Station received its Silver LEED certification for multiple 'environmentally friendly' design components. The building's design optimizes energy use and work performance and includes designs that harness daylight views – helping to reduce energy costs. The new station also uses energy-efficient lighting and high-efficiency heating, ventilation and cooling systems. The new station was also constructed with building materials that do not emit volatile chemical compounds that over time can be harmful to humans. For more information about all the LEED elements found in the new Paramedics Station, visit <http://www.adaweb.net/documents/EMSLEED08.pdf>

The Meridian Paramedic Station's Silver LEED certification marks Ada County's fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) LEED certification – the most certifications held by any one agency in the entire state of Idaho.