

North Metro Fire Rescue Expands Ambulance Transport Services to Northglenn

How This Change Impacts You

On December 1, 2011, North Metro Fire Rescue District will expand its Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to Northglenn residents by including emergency medical transport to area hospitals. So, what does this mean to the residents of Northglenn?

“Citizens won’t have to change a thing,” explains Joseph Bruce, North Metro Fire Chief. “When a person calls 9-1-1 for help in a medical crisis, reliable and qualified paramedics will show up to assist them. The only difference is that these paramedics are also cross-trained as fire fighters.”

The benefits of using cross-trained fire fighters were one of the most compelling factors for North Metro’s decision to expand their EMS services. As an all-hazards emergency response agency, every personnel resource is trained and deployed as an integral component of the Fire District’s total emergency response capability. That means, regardless of the type of emergency – house fire, car crash, gasoline spill, technical rescue, or emergency medical situation – the personnel that arrive to help can handle every component of the crisis. The cost-efficiency benefits of cross-training our personnel for all-hazard deployments cannot be understated.

In fact, North Metro Fire Rescue has been operating under this model for 10 years in the Broomfield County portion of the Fire District. With emergency medical service calls making up approximately 70% of the incidents for our Fire District, North Metro personnel are very experienced in running a Fire-Based EMS system.

“We’ve seen the benefits of a Fire-Based EMS model first hand – simply put, it works,” said Joseph Bruce, North Metro Fire Chief. “Expanding this system throughout the entire District will improve our service delivery to citizens while eliminating the inherent inefficiencies of operating two different service delivery models within our Fire District.”

Northglenn citizens won’t be losing resources with the change to North Metro’s Fire-Based EMS system. With the introduction of the North Metro ambulances in Northglenn, the residents of the City will gain four cross-trained fire fighters in addition to the six fire fighters currently on-duty every day to handle the variety of hazards faced by citizens. These ten fire fighters, two ambulances and two Fire Engines will be stationed at two Northglenn locations including Station 62 at 10550 Huron Street and Station 63 at 10941 Irma Drive.

Finally, Northglenn citizens can also still receive the added benefit of an Ambulance Membership Program. North Metro has experience providing this program for 10 years. In addition, citizens can continue to enjoy the Free Blood Pressure Check Program, CPR classes, Car Seat Safety Fit Stations, and File of Life programs which focus on health concerns for our citizens. If you have questions regarding any of these programs, please contact North Metro Headquarters at (303) 452-9910 or visit us on-line at www.northmetrofire.org. We also can be found on Facebook – like us!