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**BETHEL PARK, April 19, 2006**—Tri-Community South EMS, owned and operated by the Municipality of Bethel Park and the Townships of South Park and Upper St. Clair, has received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services for its compliance with national standards of excellence. Tri-Community South EMS, who provides service for Bethel Park, South Park and Upper St. Clair, became the 102nd ambulance service in the country and Canada to successfully complete the voluntary review process which included completion of a comprehensive application and on-site review by national experts in emergency medical services (EMS). With this achievement, Tri-Community South EMS becomes the fourth ambulance service to be accredited in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Commission is a non-profit organization which was established to encourage and promote quality patient care in America's medical transportation system. The primary focus of the commission's standards is high-quality patient care. This is accomplished by establishing national standards which not only address the delivery of patient care but also the ambulance service's total operation and its relationships with other agencies, the general public and the medical community. The Commission's standards often exceed state or local licensing requirements.

Nora Helfrich, EMS Director of Tri-Community South EMS, said accreditation "represents our firm commitment to our patients and community. We continuously strive to do our best, and we viewed accreditation as another step toward excellence."

"Our staff has been key to our successful completion of the process. I think it gives the feeling of prestige and pride to work in an accredited ambulance service," said Mrs. Helfrich. "Everyone played a valuable role in our ability to meet the Commission's high standards. We have achieved accreditation, but I believe it can only be a stimulus for continued improvement."