Acadian Ambulance Campaign Progresses

At the end of the third week of its annual membership drive, Acadian Ambulance Service Inc. has reached 54 percent of this year’s goal of 124,000 members. With current enrollment at 67,983, officials say the campaign is running “neck and neck” with last year’s successful drive.

Secretary-Treasurer Richard Zuschlag said all areas are reporting favorably with the exception of Tangipahoa, Parish and central LaFourche. These are new areas, Zuschlag said, and such areas traditionally lag behind in the beginning of the campaign. “Telephone activity,” he said, “indicated that we are beginning to gain momentum in those areas now.

Persons wishing to become members of the ambulance service must sign up by the Sept. 3 deadline. After that date no one will be allowed to enroll until next year. Members pay a one-time yearly fee of $42 for emergency protection and transportation for the entire family. Non-members who need to use the service must pay a much higher fee for each call.

Zuschlag emphasized that the procedure for joining, which may be done at any local bank, is a very simple one. Persons unable to visit a bank may call toll-free 1-800-255-5552, and applications will be mailed to them.

By achieving this year’s goal Acadian will include on its membership rolls 50 percent of the nearly 900,000 people residing in its service area.