Acadian Ambulance Service

MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Acadian Ambulance Continues Its Excellent Local Service

We have seen and talked to many people and they tell us that Acadian Ambulance is known and respected as the finest in the nation.

Improvements have been many. We believe one of the strongest points of this organization has been their desire to improve. Returning Vietnam veterans with medical experience provide the initial source of manpower, but now the service has a massive training program for medics and is working with USL to improve this.

The service was started by Roland Dugas, Richard Zuschlag, and Richard Sturles. Three young men who started on a shoestring and have seen the service expand into what has become a model for the rest of the nation.

Last year, the helicopter, known as Air Med One, to add another dimension and now Air Med Two is in the works to provide even greater helicopter service to the offshore oil industry.

Professionalism is tops. Even as Acadian has grown, it has continued its level of professionalism. We continually get excellent comments about the type of service that Acadian provides.

Here are a few of the comments:

- "I would like to say thanks to all of you for helping me during the sudden death of my husband. The two people who answered the call to my house did such a beautiful job. I shall never forget any of them."

- "I would like to express my sincere thanks to the medics who came to my aid following an auto accident in which my daughter died. I was treated in a most compassionate and professional manner. These men are a credit to your ambulance service and I was very fortunate to be a member."

- "Two of your paramedics picked up my son after an accident in Maurice. I am convinced that without the expert care given by your people, my son would have died at the scene or on the way to the hospital. That he is alive and getting well today is a tribute to their skill and dedication to service."

Good for our Community.

So to those who question Acadian Ambulance, we can only tell you that each year they put their business life on the line as they open a membership drive each August.

Last year's business return was a meager 3.14 percent and we do not know of a business in Lafayette that would be satisfied with that type of return.

As long as they continue their high degree of professionalism and render the type of service they have for more than 11 years, we will continue to be one of their biggest supporters.

The membership deadline this year is Friday, Sept. 3. Membership blanks are available at all area banks or can be obtained at any of the 23 substations. The cost of the membership is $43 and we believe that it is one of the best investments you will make as you continue to support the finest ambulance service in the nation.