New service

The Acadian Ambulance fixed wing medical air service program offers patients bedside-to-bedside care nationwide. The addition of fixed wing air service to Acadian’s proven ground operations makes the company one of the most complete and well rounded emergency medical organizations in the country.

Acadian Ambulance offers new service

Officials of Acadian Ambulance Service said last week their fixed wing medical air service program has been fully implemented and is now operating on a nationwide basis. The program utilizes twin-engine, cabin class aircraft, with complete advanced life support equipment. Patient care is provided by registered medical technicians and physicians if required.

The fixed-wing service is unique in that it uses the extensive skills and facilities of the nation’s largest private rural ambulance service. Most air ambulance services provide only the aircraft and enlist medical personnel from other agencies. Acadian provides bedside-to-bedside care for patients transported by the fixed-wing aircraft. Company personnel consult with the patient’s family and, with the patient attending the patient, then arrange for the suitable aircraft, appropriate medical personnel and any special equipment that might be needed.

The company also coordinates ground service at departure and arrival points, providing full care until the patient is at the final destination. If necessary, Acadian can provide an emergency room physician to travel with the patient.

Medical personnel from the ambulance service will also attend a patient traveling overseas by commercial aircraft.

Airplanes for the operation are provided by licensed and certified charter operators, and are outfitted with advanced life support equipment identical to that carried in the company’s ground units.

According to Paramedic Erroll Babin, Air Service Manager for the Company.

Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, Missouri, Ohio, and Ontario, Canada.

“Adding fixed wing service to our ground operation and our helicopter service makes us one of the most complete and well-rounded emergency medical organizations in the country.”

Richard Zuschlag, Acadian Secretary-Treasurer, noted that while fixed-wing service is not part of the membership program, it is self-supporting and does not use any funds from membership fees.

“Actually,” he said, “it helps offset the cost of Air Med One, our helicopter operation.”