Acadian Ambulance Service

One of the major highlights of 1982 for Acadian Ambulance Service was the training of all of its employees in the Fractured Driving Program. The program set out to improve a safer ride for the patient but should help reduce the cost of vehicle maintenance and fuel consumption as well.

Softer drivers

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Institution of the PAILSAFE PROGRAM was one of the highlights of a progressive 1982 for Acadian Ambulance Service. The "PailSafe Driving System" uses a computer-linked driving simulation to train and test drivers toward establishment of better, safer driving habits. It is intended to assure a safer, smoother ride for patients, lower accident risks, reduce vehicle maintenance, reduce driver stress and economize on fuel consumption. According to company officials, the key to changing the habits of the driver, through a program which clearly defines safety in measurable terms of time, space, speed and force.

This year was highlighted by the implementation of a new computerized system to evaluate drivers' skills. The computer system is designed to evaluate driving performance in a variety of situations, including cornering, braking, accelerating and stopping.

Several other achievements during the year included the establishment of a new headquarters in Lafayette, the opening of new offices in Alexandria and Lafayette, and the expansion of the company's fleet to include new ambulances.

In addition, Acadian Ambulance Service continued to provide emergency medical services to a growing number of communities in Louisiana and Texas. The company's commitment to providing high-quality care for those in need remained its top priority.

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