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Just like Johnny and Roy, image from the Hall Ambulance archives illustrates typical patient care from the era, including the paramedic making base contact using the Motorola Advanced Portable Coronary Observation Radio (APCOR) which could transmit voice and EKG simultaneously.

WEDWORTH-TOWNSEND TURNS 50

Celebrating the legislation signed by Governor Reagan, paving the way for paramedics in California

BY JOHN SURFACE | COO

July 14, 2020, marks the 50th Anniversary of the historic Wedworth-Townsend Paramedic Act. Signed into law by California Governor Ronald Reagan, the Act added a small section to the Health and Safety Code, authorizing a pilot study in counties with a population of at least six million people.

The Act was signed as an urgency matter taking effect immediately.

It allowed hospitals to operate the pilot programs using Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics to respond to medical emergencies, especially cardiac arrests.

The idea of rapid response, treatment, and transport was not new. In 1966, the National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council published their white paper "Accidental Death and Disability: The Neglected Disease of Modern Society". The research clearly showed that other countries had reduced mortality rates by having physicians and other healthcare professionals respond to accident

scenes in an ambulance.

In 1969, physicians in Los Angeles started to work on expanding the white paper to include coronary heart disease and cardiac arrests. Having physicians respond to cardiac calls was not financially feasible. The idea of a new practitioner, the paramedic, was born. To make it work, California Law had to be changed.

In April 1970, California Senator James Wedworth authored a very simple Senate Bill 958 creating the pilot program for Los Angeles. Assembly Member Larry Townsend signed on as a co-author, and the bill became



Trauma 6, Hall Ambulance's first paramedic unit, featured a shield graphic with the words, "Mobile Trauma Unit" on the side of the ambulance.

known as the Wedworth-Townsend Paramedic Act.

When signed by Governor Reagan, one page was added to the Health and Safety Code in Division 2, authorizing the paramedic pilot program in Los Angeles. Today EMS regulation is covered by Title 22 Division 9 and includes 14 Chapters covering everything from training and certification, equipment and medications, EMT and Paramedic disciplinary guidelines to EMS system design. The Wedworth-Townsend Paramedic Act served as the jumping-off point for EMS



Original paramedic equipment carried on-board Hall Trauma 6 and 7.

as we know it today. In 1972, Hollywood grabbed onto the idea of paramedics as "EMERGENCY!" hit the airways. The very popular TV show is given a lot of credit for the spread of paramedic-based EMS services. Johnny and Roy get credit for motivating a lot of more senior paramedics to jump into EMS.

Hall Ambulance was founded

by Harvey L. Hall on February 10, 1971, just seven months after the Wedworth-Townsend Act was signed into law. Early in his new venture, Hall embraced the idea of his ambulance attendants providing a higher level of patient

care. In association with San Joaquin Community Hospital and Bakersfield College, what started as an advanced coronary class evolved into Kern County's first paramedic training program in September 1974.

On February 24, 1975, Hall Ambulance became the first EMS provider in Bakersfield to offer paramedic level of patient care. *

MEET THE NEW MANAGERS

Positioning Hall Ambulance for the future

BY **MARK CORUM** | DIRECTOR OF MEDIA SERVICES



**JENNY RAMIREZ,
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

In a short time, Jenny Ramirez and her staff of six have accomplished a successful re-branding of the HR Department.

Ramirez says, "I'm a big believer that HR is a service driven department. We serve the employees, and the management teams. We are designed to support systems that help inform, drive, and implement programs to sustain and support an organization specific to our biggest asset, our employees."

Looking down the road, Ramirez would like to continue down a path of partnering with management and designing programs that will help lead the organization into the future, and maintain the reputation Hall has in the community.

"I believe Hall Ambulance is one of the few organizations that lives and breathes its culture of the "Hall Way," Ramirez said, "so maintaining its status as an "Employer of Choice" is important to me as an HR professional."



**MARK MORSE,
ASSISTANT MANAGER, FACILITIES-MAINTENANCE**

Mark Morse lives by the phrase, "Don't be the same, be better." Words that have served him well since his time in the U.S. Marines where he served as a Crew Chief on UH-1N helicopters.

After returning to Bakersfield last fall, Morse checked in with the local Veteran Affairs office for assistance in finding a job. He was pleased to learn that Hall Ambulance participated in the Kern Patriot partnership program.

Shortly after coming on board, Morse was tasked with overseeing the coronavirus decontamination program, decontaminating 498 ambulance through June 30. "I'm excited about how we have been able to come together as a department to do our part with making sure these ambulances have been decontaminated and ready for service, for the protection of not just our crews, but the public we serve," Morse said.



**ERIC MATTICE, SHOP MANAGER
HALL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SERVICE**

Having just joined the HCVS in May, Eric Mattice started his new position as shop manager as a keen observer to see what works and what doesn't. Looking down the road; however, he will work to make HCVS more efficient and continue to "set the standards of our industry, the way our founder intended," Mattice said.

Mattice was familiar with Hall Ambulance's stellar reputation and when the opportunity presented itself, he jumped at the chance to join the team.

After beating advanced stage cancer, and surviving a head-on collision, he underwent a change in philosophy regarding life and the little things mostly taken for granted. He enjoys spending time with his girlfriend Jenny and daughter Hayden.

He brings years of automotive repair and management experience and most recently served as a program representative for the Bureau of Automotive Repair.



**CHARLENE PICKETT,
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OFFICE**

Charlene Pickett started in medical billing working for her step-father and his colleagues at the age of 17. She worked her way through the various departments, giving her a niche for Revenue Cycle Management. She became director of revenue cycle management at Pediatric Services of America, MRI, Management, and PHM.

One of her highlights was helping start the 340B program (a discounted medication program for indigent, Chemo, HIV patients, etc.) in New York for all five boroughs with the New York Public Health Department.

Just days into starting her new position at Hall Ambulance, she was tasked with transitioning her staff to begin working remotely, due to the pandemic, with minimal to no down time.

Recently married, she loves family time and learning all she can about car racing to support her son (who will start at University of Arizona this fall) and desires to compete in NASCAR, and F1. *



HALL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

College Financial Assistance for the Children of Hall Employees

BY **LAVONNE C. HALL** | PRESIDENT & CEO



Throughout Hall Ambulance's 49-year history, our community's youth have been of great importance to the Company.

In 1999, my husband introduced the Harvey L. Hall/Hall Medical Scholarship to assist graduating seniors interested in healthcare by providing tuition assistance. During the program's 20-years, \$76,000 in scholarship funds were awarded to 304 students.

While we will continue to find ways to offer support, the time has come for a change.

After last year's presentations, I began thinking about revising the scholarship program with the idea of offering assistance to the children of Hall Ambulance employees. It is important to me that your career experience at Hall Ambulance is rewarding, fulfilling, and offers terrific benefits for your entire family.

With that in mind, I am excited to announce the new Hall Ambulance Family Scholarship, offered through the Harvey L. Hall Charitable Family

Foundation, Inc. The funds can be applied towards tuition, books, meal plans, or anything else to support their educational goals.

Eligible applicants are the children of Hall Ambulance employees, enrolled in a junior college, a state or private university, or vocational school.

The amount of the inaugural scholarships will be determined by the number of applications received.

For more information, contact Heather Pruitt, at pruitth@hallamb.com *

A PERSONNEL NOTE

BY **KRYSTAL MASCARINAS** | HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT

Happy Birthday

7/01 Garrett Kelley	7/19 Sam Swanson	8/01 Nichole Hodges	8/10 Vera Chinn	8/21 Shane Curtis
7/01 William Miles	7/20 Mario Parra	8/01 Allan Wheeler	8/10 Sean Tinnish	8/22 Raul Soto
7/01 Katrina Price	7/20 Richard Webb II	8/02 Heloy Lara	8/11 Michael Knight	8/23 Bertha Flores
7/02 Edlin Blankenship	7/22 Tabitha Baker	8/02 Joel Abel	8/11 James Metzger	8/23 Janette Caldron
7/03 Nathan Kline	7/23 Joseph Kajiwara	8/02 Kathy Phillips	8/12 Joseph Cox	8/23 Tarin Tackett
7/03 Savvas Chaffee	7/24 Alana Moulton	8/02 Kristina Smith	8/12 Ryan Holland	8/24 Mary Talbot
7/05 Julianne Solano	7/25 Nicholas Grady	8/03 Emily Piccolo	8/12 Vianey Verbovanec	8/27 Tyren Evans
7/06 Antonio Michel	7/27 Matthew Braman	8/04 Brandon Dorsey	8/13 Chad Powers	8/27 Michael Cantu
7/07 Mitchell Derse	7/27 Jason Scott	8/05 Amparo Hernandez	8/13 Andrew Johnson	8/28 Nathan Kennedy
7/09 Amanda Thomas	7/29 Sarah Serrano	8/05 Carlos Acuna	8/13 Angela Ocejo	8/29 Eric Mattice
7/11 Alma Valencia Fernandez	7/29 Al Heninger	8/06 Carrie Barnes	8/14 Yesenia Davila	8/29 Jason Thompson
7/14 Deanna Salazar	7/30 Chris Searcy	8/06 Michael King	8/15 Cliff Kroll	8/29 Emilio Calderon
7/15 Wyatt Cass	7/30 Mark Gonczar	8/06 Christopher Mendoza	8/17 Justin Ausman	8/30 Tremaine Law
7/16 Megan Stapp	7/31 Rochelle Pate	8/06 Oscar Escobar	8/17 Mitch Findley	8/31 Adam Roe
7/16 Nicholas Aldridge	7/31 Nicky Martinez	8/07 Brian Cote	8/18 Daniel Flores	8/31 Ashley Canchola
7/18 Quinita Williams	7/31 Glenn Dresser	8/08 Martell Rufus	8/20 Heather Lee	
7/18 Angel Sandoval		8/10 Manuel Hernandez Jr.		

Welcome New Employees

5/11 Eric Mattice, HCVS Shop Manager	5/26 Amanda Thomas, Communications Specialist	6/01 Zachary Bryant, EMT Academy Student
5/26 Jeffrey Albitre, EMT	5/26 Erica Kinoshita, Ambulance Detailer	6/01 Tyler Charter, EMT Academy Student
5/26 Zachary Hill, EMT	5/26 Angel Sandoval, Ambulance Detailer	6/01 Tremaine Law, EMT Academy Student
5/26 Katerina Miskell, EMT	5/29 Rachel Castro, EMT Academy Student	6/01 Cayman Maples, EMT Academy Student
5/26 Brandon Ordonez-Rangel, EMT	5/29 Mitchell Derse, EMT Academy Student	6/01 Logan Orr, EMT Academy Student
5/26 Juan Ortiz, EMT	5/29 Peter Espinoza, EMT Academy Student	6/01 Andrew Paradez, EMT Academy Student
5/26 Anthony Pena, EMT	5/29 Morgan McKirdy, EMT Academy Student	6/01 Quinita Williams, EMT Academy Student
5/26 Andrew Johnson, Paramedic	5/29 Jenny Rivera, EMT Academy Student	6/16 William Miles, EMT
5/26 Kristina Smith, Communications Specialist	5/29 Joseph Rodriguez, EMT Academy Student	6/29 Michelle Jara, HR Clerk

Display Your Company Pride for a Chance to Win!



We are rounding the employee parking lots to see who is proudly displaying their Hall Ambulance license plate frame. If one of these belongs to you, bring your registration to Administration and claim your prize!

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HEROES WORK HERE

Celebrating National EMS Week Amidst the Pandemic



In celebration of National EMS Week (May 17-23), Hall Ambulance went the extra mile to ensure its employees know how much they're appreciated! Throughout the week, pictures of employees from across the Company's 9-1-1 response areas were featured on social media. In addition, custom backpacks with a Heroes Work Here slogan were given to each of the employees.

The biggest expression of gratitude came by way of an envelope for each employee with a special message from Mrs. Hall, president & CEO, thanking the employees for all that they do.

Company recognition during the week occurred on May 20, when Hall Ambulance was highlighted by the American Ambulance Association as an EMS Week Featured Service at ambulance.org. *

Drive-By Birthday Parade

The Community Makes a 2nd Birthday Special for the Child of Two Local Nurses



When the coronavirus reached Bakersfield, local nurses Hans and Millicent Vega decided it was best for their son, Bryson, to stay with his grandparents—so as not to risk their child becoming infected.

Never realizing the pandemic would extend from weeks to months, they missed their little boy and knew they had to do something special for his birthday.

A simple Facebook post request to organize a drive-by birthday parade went viral with community response. A line of ambulances, fire engines, police cars, a monster truck, motorcycles, and a race car drove by to offer birthday wishes. *

Siren the Rescue Dog rode-along and tossed a sanitized Siren cuddle toy to Bryson.

