



## UPGRADE TO EMERGENCY SERVICES

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### MAYOR YENNI ANNOUNCES UPGRADE TO EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mayor Michael Yenni is announcing upgraded Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within the city of Kenner. The new Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the city and East Jefferson General Hospital will **remain at no cost to the city**. This is particularly good news because some municipalities in Jefferson Parish pay for EMS with a property tax.

The new upgraded service now provides 3 (three) ambulances assigned to Kenner. In addition to the ambulances, there will be a permanent sprint unit also assigned. The previous agreement only provided 2 (two) ambulances and no provisions for a sprint unit. The sprint unit is manned by a highly trained supervisor that can rapidly get to the scene and stabilize a patient prior to a transport ambulance arriving. This service is for 24 hours per day, seven days per week. These ambulances will be stationed at Kenner Fire Department stations 35, 37 and 38. Additionally, East Jefferson General Hospital will provide Emergency Medical Service at no cost for city events and functions.

The new agreement will also include identification of the ambulances and sprint units assigned to Kenner. These units will be identified by the City of Kenner seal.

East Jefferson General Hospital Emergency Medical Service has mutual aid agreements with other EMS services in our area to handle large scale multi casualty events which includes other providers such as Acadian Ambulance. Also during peak time and periods of high call volume the city dispatchers can roll over calls with other ambulance service.

Mayor Yenni stated, "I am pleased to continue our relationship with East Jefferson General Hospital. This is a vital service for our citizens. I am happy they can continue to provide this quality, upgraded services. This is another example of how we have been successful in providing quality service to our citizens at the lowest cost possible, in this case no cost to the city budget."

