



Brighton Fire Rescue District and Platte Valley Medical Center  
Joint Press Release

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**Fire District and Platte Valley Medical Center Extend Agreement; Expand Service**

Platte Valley Medical Center and the Brighton Fire Rescue District recently extended to 2024 a longstanding agreement on how advanced emergency medical services are delivered to Fire District residents. The Fire District serves 150 square miles, with more than 20,000 residents living outside the City of Brighton boundaries but within the Fire District.

In a partnership with Platte Valley Medical Center, the service expansion will include a licensed paramedic on fire engines located in three outlying area fire stations. Adding paramedic-level service will primarily occur through the training of existing firefighters who already serve as emergency medical technicians. The Fire District recently received a State of Colorado EMS grant to assist in the paramedic training and to provide paramedic equipment.

Dr. Candace Harrod, an emergency room physician and Medical Director for both organizations, believes the program will enhance patient care and access to the earliest possible advanced life support services. According to Fire Chief Mark Bodane, the District's goal is to provide access to advanced life support paramedic service within 8 minutes of a 9-1-1 emergency call in the majority of the Fire District's response area.

Platte Valley Medical Center President and CEO John Hicks said that this agreement will further strengthen and expand the already well functioning and successful advanced life support services being delivered to the area. Platte Valley Medical Center has provided ambulance services to the community for more than 40 years.

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