

Mercy Ambulance Opens Station At Fremont Medical Center

A couple of minutes doesn't seem like much time to most people, but when you're an emergency patient those few minutes can mean life or death, says Bob Forbuss, operating manager of the new Mercy Ambulance substation at the Fremont Medical Center, 520 East Fremont Street at Sixth Street.

The 24-hour Fremont Medical Center and the Mercy Ambulance substation are situated within

one of the nation's busiest areas for emergency medical calls. Mercy Ambulance opened its seventh substation at the downtown location last month with the expectation that the new site will cut emergency response time by 35 to 40 percent.

Established in Las Vegas in 1955 with just two ambulances, Mercy Ambulance has grown to become the largest service in Nevada. The company now has a fleet of thirteen ambulances and a staff of more than 100 full-and-part-time employees.

Mercy Ambulance paramedics and emergency medical technicians respond to more than 45,000 calls annually in the Las Vegas area. A slight majority of those calls come from residents, although visitors calls increase when big events are in town.

"Most of our calls are cardiac emergencies, but we do have a significant number of trauma victims who were involved in auto accidents," says Dan Netski of Mercy Ambulance.

In addition to serving as the new downtown operation base for Mercy Ambulance, Fremont Medical Center is now providing physical therapy Monday through Saturday, and free blood pressure tests without an appointment.

Fremont Medical Center is the city's newest medical facility, offering 24-hour comprehensive care for residents, visitors and downtown employees. The staff of qualified professionals have been trained in family practice and emergency medicine, and the center is equipped with private examination rooms, minor trauma, orthopedic, and acute care emergency rooms; stress test, pulmonary function testing, physical therapy and x-ray facilities; and a full laboratory.

"Our location is convenient for downtown employees, residents, and visitors. The center is accessible from all parts of the city because the freeway is just one block away," says Dr. J. Corey Brown, the center's founder.

Dr. Brown, former medical director for Valley Hospital's Flight For Life Program, has more than 15 years experience in family practice and

Joe Behar's Community Drama Workshop First Annual Celebrity Roast



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(L-R) Daily Variety and ISRAELITE columnist Bill Willard and Joe Behar, founder-director of the Community Drama Workshop. The roast was held at the Palace Station, recently.

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emergency medicine. Joining him is Dr. Neil W. Goodwell, who has 20 years of family practice and emergency medical experience in Salt Lake City and Las Vegas.

Appointments are not necessary, but they can be made by calling the Fremont Medical Center, 382-5200.

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