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**FIRE DEPARTMENT BOASTS LATEST TECHNOLOGY
WITH NEW RESCUE TRUCK**

Plantation, Fla, Friday, October 30, 2009: On Friday morning, at 10:00 AM, the South Florida media is invited to tour our new rescue truck, at Plantation Fire Administration, 550 NW 65 Avenue, in Plantation, Fire Chief Robert Pudney announced today.

The new truck, manufactured by Braun Ambulance Company of Ohio, is the first of its kind in Broward County and represents the latest in ambulance technology. It is styled after the model being trialed by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue.

The new truck has a number of unique features that allow paramedics to provide patients with the ultimate in emergency medical care, while reducing operating and maintenance costs.

The most obvious change is the look. The vehicle features a "fire truck" style front that is aerodynamically designed to reduce resistance and wind load.

"Traditional ambulances have a pickup or van style, truck front with a large box behind it," explained Pudney. "This vehicle is streamlined and should reduce fuel consumption while allowing it to be operated in much tighter spaces."

The inside of the vehicle is also larger, resembling a mobile emergency room. This change gives paramedics more working room when dealing with critical or multiple patients.

The interior lighting is predominantly LEDs, which are brighter and more energy efficient than incandescent lights and safer than fluorescents.

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Fire Department Unveils New Rescue Truck Design Add One

The unique, internal cabinetry offers better access for paramedics to locate and retrieve equipment and supplies easily.

The side loading door, which traditionally swings out, opens flush to the side of the vehicle, allowing paramedics to enter or exit the vehicle without the risk of interfering with traffic flow or walkways.

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All media is invited to take a brief tour of the vehicle and take photos and video of this new technology.

For questions or specific requests, please contact Joel Gordon at 954-553-6550.



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