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#### **Donation received from Mercy Hospital**

On November 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 the City of Beloit Fire Department received four King Vision video intubation laryngoscopes and four ambulance refrigerators that were donated by Mercy Health System's EMS Department. The donations are part of a continuing partnership between the Beloit Fire Department and Mercy EMS to bring the best pre-hospital care possible to the citizens of the Stateline area. The new advanced laryngoscopes have a video screen which will help paramedics improve their intubation skills and airway control during critical calls by allowing them to better visualize the patient's airway using the video screen. This device will also help with patients who are considered to be difficult intubations because of the anatomy of their airway.

The donation of the ambulance refrigerators are part of an addition to the Beloit Fire Department's cardiac arrest protocol. Starting in early 2014 paramedics will begin to start to cool cardiac arrest patients in the field through the use of cooled IV solutions. Current cardiac arrest studies

throughout the United States and Europe have shown that cooling cardiac arrest patients, who have regained a heartbeat and blood pressure, increase their survival rate to discharge from the hospital. The refrigerators will allow the ambulance crews to keep chilled fluids in the ambulance at a constant temperature of about 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

The cost for all of the equipment is about \$6800.00. The Beloit Fire Department would like to thank Mercy EMS for their generous donation and continued support and dedication to the EMS systems within Rock County and the City of Beloit.

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