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## **New EMS Station Having Positive Impact**

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**Hendersonville, NC – December 14, 2016**

Henderson County is pleased to announce the new ambulance and crew approved by the Board of Commissioners for the Fletcher area has eliminated previous response delays and reduced ambulance response times countywide.

The new ambulance and crew opened in cooperation with Fletcher Fire and Rescue in October 2016, housed at the Main Station on East Fanning Bridge Road. Since implementation, emergency call response times have improved from an average of 11:29 to 8:48 minutes in the Fletcher area and overall response times countywide have improved from 8:16 to 7:55 minutes. The additional EMS station is part of the County's overall strategy to provide exceptional services to our growing population.

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