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On behalf of Barnes County Ambulance, we would like to recognize the members of the Kathryn Fire Department on receiving the Regional Service of the Year Award.

The city of Kathryn, ND was founded in the year 1900 and the Kathryn Fire Department (KFD) was founded just over 60 years later. Since that time, the KFD has grown from providing simple fire protection services to being staffed by highly trained volunteers that provide fire protection, emergency medical services, collaboration with other agencies, and leadership that has been instrumental to promoting professionalism, education, and strong community ties.

Over recent years, the members of the KFD have overcome many challenges. Volunteer numbers around the country are in decline. Training opportunities have dwindled. Educational requirements for certifications are difficult to pass and maintain. Equipment and technology are expensive, more advanced and require significant amounts of training to operate properly. With strong leadership, ambitious volunteers, and a desire to help others, the KFD has met these challenges with fortitude and has become a role model for other agencies.

KFD has hosted free training for other agencies; has challenged lawmakers to implement legislature that promotes the growth of small departments, not hinder them; to streamline education standards to make certifications more accessible to rural volunteers. Members of KFD have extended their services beyond their jurisdictional boundaries to cover underserved areas of Barnes County without hesitation. KFD has been instrumental in providing emergency care quickly and effectively to individuals with medical emergencies, drastically improving patient outcomes. KFD has proven to be a vital link in the chain of survival.

But above and beyond all of this, the KFD brings a certain reassurance with their response. A trust that has grown out of superior service, empathy, and high standards of care. Their dedication to providing exceptional service during critical incidents in their community has not gone unnoticed.

Oh, I almost forgot. Did you know that they also put out fires?

We at Barnes County Ambulance are honored to work alongside KFD, proud of your accomplishments, and grateful for the friendships and working relationships fostered by your genuine desire to help others.

Congratulations!

Scott Miller and Andrea Suhr

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