

JCA+ *Update*

JACKSON COMMUNITY AMBULANCE

Fall 2016



On November 6, 2016, Jackson Community Ambulance celebrates 20 years of serving the Jackson County community. On Thursday, November 3, we are holding an Open House for government officials and community leaders at our main station on Ingham Street near downtown Jackson. Guests can tour our remodelled headquarters, meet our leadership team, and talk with our staff. In 1996, we began operations with 3 stations, 12 ambulances and 48 employees. Today we have 5 stations, 21 ambulances and 105 employees, including 60 paramedics.

Adventure Medical Response Training

Backcountry Survival for Hunters & Outdoor Adventurers

Free Course!

Learn how to care for someone who becomes injured or ill in the wilderness. Whether you plan on spending extended time hunting in the woods or snowmobiling up north, we offer hands-on and scenario based training for your outdoor adventure.

Saturday, November 5, 2016

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

JCA Main Station

429 Ingham St., Jackson

For ages 14 and older

Contact Jason Trojan, Remote/Wilderness EMT
734-477-6781

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Social Media Snip

 "Thank you for being so comforting at the car accident we were involved in. Grateful everyone walked away with no serious injuries. Also thank you so much for giving my 3 year old daughter a little teddy bear to comfort her. You all are truly amazing. This is why car seats and seat belts are so important."

Community-owned ■ Nonprofit ■ Nationally accredited



What is a Community Paramedic?

JCA Community Paramedics (CPs) are senior paramedics with additional primary care training to treat non-acute, non-emergency patients at home. The goal is to keep a patient from needing an ambulance transport to the hospital. Our CPs are part of a 2-year pilot project to care for people who call 9-1-1 with non-emergency conditions.

CPs are capable of providing additional treatment beyond what a regular paramedic can do. They can provide antibiotics for infections and assist with catheter problems. Our CPs connect emergency physicians with the patient via a video link so the patient and doctor can talk to each other about their medical condition.

A Community Paramedic may be sent to care for you if you have:

- medication concerns
- a minor infection (e.g. in the urinary tract)
- nausea or vomiting
- a wound that needs care

CPs carry blood and urine testing devices to learn more about your condition. They also carry antibiotics for infections.

If your medical condition is not an emergency, you should call your primary care physician before calling 9-1-1. But if your doctor is unable to help you, a CP may be sent. This program gives patients other options when they dial 9-1-1, rather than going by ambulance to the emergency department.

JCA does charge for a CP visit, however, it is much less than the cost of an ambulance transport.

Quick Bits

- In 2010, we began switching from using diesel fuel to gas in our ambulances after Ford stopped making diesel engines for the ambulance market. Now all of our ambulances run on gas. Fortunately, gas engines are less expensive to purchase and to maintain.

- Winter is coming so watch for caution tape on abandoned vehicles.



Caution tape means that emergency responders have already checked on the vehicle and you don't need to investigate or call for help.

Having fun inside an ambulance at JCA's Camp 9-1-1. Visit camp911.org for more info.



Events R Us

JCA is busy all summer long now that Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn has become an entertainment venue in addition to a racetrack. One of the larger events this year was the Faster Horses concert.



Our medics cover this country music extravaganza on bikes, gators, and in ambulances.

During the three-day festival, with a crowd of about 40,000, we responded to 333 emergency calls, taking 257 people to the infield care center and transporting 29 off site to Henry Ford Allegiance Health. This was a reduction in incidents from 2015 when we treated 409 on site and transported 49.

We love our new digs!

The dust has settled and we're enjoying our expanded and remodelled headquarters, complete with:

- new garage with two bays so our "paramechanics" have more room to outfit and repair ambulances and other vehicles
- more office space
- large classroom
- new employee lounge with tables, chairs and vending machines





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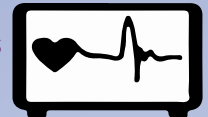
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JCA by the Numbers

5 items we take on every scene

 **Oxygen** - to help patients breathe better and reduce anxiety.


LifePak 15 - takes blood pressures, reads heart rhythms and helps restart hearts.



 **Jump Box** - holds breathing tubes, stethoscope, bandages and lots more.

Portable radio - gives medics a way to let the hospital know about the incoming patient.



 **Drug Box** - holds lifesaving medications and other important drugs.