

Barton Foundation Donates \$4,000 Toward Project

Barton's Emergency Services Education (ESE) Department not only serves Barton's seven county service area, we serve a significant portion of central Kansas to include all of Pratt Community College's service area and portions of Cloud County Community College's service area. We have Paramedic courses in Great Bend, Junction City, Salina, & Pratt with other ESE courses currently or previously offered in the communities of Ellsworth, Medicine Lodge, St. John, Ellinwood, Russell, Wilson, Larned, and Greensburg.

Recently the ESE was awarded a grant to purchase an ambulance along with additional simulation equipment. The grant was awarded based on our need to have an alternative method to provide simulation training to all students in our EMS programs. The Mobile Simulation Lab (MSL) can be utilized at each site, providing all of our students the ability to practice life-saving techniques in a true simulation scenario.

The Barton Foundation Board of Directors were approached by the ESE department to request help in funding the painting of the ambulance to have the MSL represent Barton as it travels throughout the state providing educational opportunities to our students. They also want to use the ambulance in parades and other activities where they can represent Barton and increase the institution's exposure. It will allow Barton the opportunity to bring more students into the program and receive the necessary training to provide pre-hospital care.

The Foundation Directors agreed to fund \$4,000.00 for the wrapping of the ambulance and were pleased to provide this service so Barton's EMS can be well recognized throughout the state. The ambulance is now completed and there is no doubt that people will take notice and understand that Barton is a leader in EMS training. The Foundation directors had a private preview of the ambulance prior to their monthly board meeting on September 3rd.