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**Ambulance Provider Takes Additional Sanitation Measures Against Swine Flu**

**(San Diego: Aug. 12, 2009)** – Hospital-acquired infections are the fourth leading cause of death in the nation, and health agencies around San Diego County are not taking any chances with the upcoming flu season.

San Diego Medical Services Enterprise (SDMSE) has added the Zimek Sterilizing System to its slew of ambulance cleaning equipment to ensure the health and safety of its personnel and patients.

The Zimek utilizes a Dri-Mist™ sterilizing system which “fogs” the ambulance with an EPA-registered disinfectant that kills dangerous bacteria, viruses and toxic mold on all surfaces, leaving no notable residue. The sterilizer is used to clean even the air conditioning ducts, as the A/C is put on during the sterilization process to ensure complete sanitation.

“SDMSE is committed to the personal health and safety of patients and personnel, particularly with the upcoming potential for swine flu outbreak,” said SDMSE Director of Public Affairs Michael Simonsen. “We are confident the Zimek sterilizing system will aid in our efforts to maintain a sanitary ambulance environment.”

SDMSE serves the city of San Diego with approximately 80 medical transportation vehicles, has more than 550 employees and responds to approximately 100,000 calls per year.

**About SDMSE**

SDMSE is a public/private partnership formed between the city of San Diego and Rural/Metro Ambulance. SDMSE is the largest 9-1-1 paramedic and non-emergency medical transportation provider in San Diego County, responding to more than 100,000 emergency calls annually. For more information, please visit [www.sdmse.com](http://www.sdmse.com).

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