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Lincoln Highway Days Committee Grants \$500 for SCMC Ambulance GPS Navigation System

NEVADA, IOWA (8.7.07) Representing the Lincoln Highway Days Committee, Richard Vincent presented Story County Medical Center (SCMC) MICU Paramedics Michael Doyon and Amy Pigott, with a \$500 dollar check on Monday, August 6th. The check will be used to purchase a Magellan GPS Navigation System for SCMC's new ambulance.

"It is our belief, that with the aid of a GPS navigation system, response times to urban as well as rural addresses may be significantly reduced," said Doyon. "This reduced response time will help save lives."

GPS, which stands for Global Positioning System, is a means of technology that will allow the paramedics to determine the exact longitude, latitude and elevation of a location to which they've been called. The GPS navigation system will provide a continuous source of information and guidance when responding to 911 calls.

GPS is designed and operated by the U.S. Department of Defense. Coded signals from three or more satellites are processed by the GPS system every second to calculate its location within 40 to 50 feet. By comparing that data with map information, the GPS is able to calculate the best route to a specific destination. The GPS a device comes preloaded with maps of the U.S. and Canada, and extra storage room allowing for additional maps to be downloaded.

