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Grand Opening of Lakehills EMS station

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The newly renovated building housing the Lakehills EMS station was crowded with people who were eager to see the changes and meet the EMS team members who will be serving the Lakehills community. The Grand Opening event took place on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the station at 192 5th St. East.

Colt Hicks was the supervisor for the shift that day. Currently, a crew of a Paramedic and a basic EMT is stationed at the site from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. They have at their disposal one EMS response unit, an ambulance.

Many Lakehills residents have petitioned the county for years to have ambulance service in the community. While this is available for 12 hours a day now, the plan is to track the demand over time. If warranted, the station will be manned 24 hours a day.

EMS Director Calvin Plummer also attended the Open House. A paramedic and a registered nurse, Plummer passed on the information that all the units in Bandera County now carry whole blood. He explained that a person can bleed out in 20 minutes and it often takes an ambulance longer than that to get to a scene and transport a patient to a hospital. Having necessary blood on hand will enable them to save lives. The open house lasted about 30 minutes, leaving the EMS crew to their jobs.