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**AEV NAMED #1 AMBULANCE MANUFACTURER**

At the recent National Pool Account Meeting, Ford Motor Company recognized AEV as the #1 Volume Ambulance Manufacturer in the industry.

"The ambulance industry is a very critical segment to the public safety of the US, and to Ford Motor Company," stated Jerry Renauer, Vocational Manager for Ford. "AEV has continued to grow to the point where they have now taken the coveted #1 slot."

AEV manufactures all models of EMS vehicles from their production facilities in Jefferson, North Carolina. AEV units are distributed throughout the world by a network of dedicated emergency vehicle dealers.

"Being recognized by Ford as #1 is a great honor to our nameplate and to the AEV team," stated Mark Van Arnam, CEO of AEV. "We have continued to grow every year since our start in 1990, spending a few years in both the #3 and then the #2 positions. We have finally won the gold medal of our industry."

Van Arnam further announced that AEV has earned another honor this year, specifically being named as a Carolina STAR company by the North Carolina Department of Labor OSHA Division. "There are over 250,000 companies in North Carolina, and only 103 of them have been designated as STAR companies. Building the safest vehicles in the industry for our customers is a top priority, and being recognized as having an exemplary safety program and production facility is a vital part of that process." The Carolina STAR program is the North Carolina equivalent of the Federal OSHA VPP program.

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