



**News release**

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**Gateway breaks ground  
on new EMS, firefighting training center**

Gateway Technical College, in partnership with the Burlington Area School District, Pierce Manufacturing Inc. and Medtec Ambulance Corporation, broke ground on a 12,000-square-foot addition to its facility at 380 McCanna Parkway, Burlington, today to support expanded programming in emergency medical services and firefighter training.

The \$1.5 million facility will be renamed the Health and Emergency Responder Occupations – HERO – Center. Gateway will also spend \$600,000 on equipment for the center.

“Increased enrollment and changes in the type of training provided to today’s firefighters and EMS professionals is driving the expansion,” said Gateway Technical College President Bryan Albrecht. “Gateway provides training in all aspects of fire and emergency medical services. A large percentage of its first responder training involves fire stations of local municipalities.

“At the HERO Center, students and professionals will have access to real-life, scenario-based training, disaster simulation and technology-equipped classroom instruction,” Albrecht added.

The HERO Center will partner with Pierce Manufacturing, the leading manufacturer of custom fire apparatus, and Medtec Ambulance Corporation, a leading manufacturer of custom ambulances. Pierce, Medtec and Gateway will develop new training certificates to complement state and national training standards for firefighters and first responders in leadership and safety training.

“Pierce and Medtec are very excited to partner with Gateway Technical College to help bring this state-of-the-art HERO Center from the drawing board to reality,” said Jim Johnson, senior vice president of sales and marketing for Pierce Manufacturing.

“As the nation’s leading manufacturer of fire apparatus, Pierce understands the critical need to invest in student training for the next generation of our industry’s professionals.”

Pierce and Medtec will also assist Gateway in developing a national network of partnering colleges to deliver training and support services to ensure high quality training opportunities are available to America’s colleges and training organizations.

The HERO Center will feature a two-bay fire station that will allow for Advanced Fire Company Office Academy and Chief Officer Leadership Academy training. Through the HERO Center, Gateway will offer specialized training for area departments such as confined space rescue and firefighter rescue.

For more information on the project, please contact Gateway President Bryan Albrecht at (262) 564-3000.

### **About Gateway Technical College**

Gateway Technical College collaborates with communities in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties to ensure economic growth and viability by providing education, training, leadership and technological resources to meet the changing needs of students, employers and communities. Gateway offers more than 65 career options, delivered by experienced instructors through hands-on training. For more information on Gateway, go to [www.gtc.edu](http://www.gtc.edu).

### **About Pierce Manufacturing**

Pierce Manufacturing Inc., an Oshkosh corporation [NYSE: OSK] company, is the leading North American manufacturer of custom fire apparatus. Products include custom and commercial pumpers, aerials, rescue trucks, wildland trucks, minipumpers, elliptical tankers, and homeland security apparatus. In addition, Pierce designs its own foam systems and was the first company to introduce frontal airbags and the Side Roll Protection system to fire apparatus. To learn more about Pierce visit [www.piercemfg.com](http://www.piercemfg.com).

### **About Medtec**

Medtec Ambulance Corporation, an Oshkosh corporation [NYSE:OSK] company, is a leading North American manufacturer of custom ambulance vehicles. Medtec offers a full product line of Type I, II, III and Additional Duty ambulances custom-built to customer specifications and backed by a strong network of dealers. In addition, Medtec offers occupant protection with its ActionSafe™ interior configurations. To learn more about Medtec, visit [www.medtecambulance.com](http://www.medtecambulance.com).