

## US Ambulances for Ukraine details/timeline (as of 9-26-2023)

- Early March of 2022, after being asked by his then 7-year-old daughter, "Dad what can we do to help the people of Ukraine," Chris Manson, VP of Government Relations at OSF HealthCare reached out to his employer and a few colleagues to explore sending an ambulance to Ukraine full of medical supplies.
- Once an ambulance and the supplies were donated, he then set out to figure out how to get the donated ambulance and supplies from Peoria, Illinois to war torn Ukraine. His quest led to discussions with the Ukrainian Consulate in Chicago, the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA), the UA Resistance Foundation and others.
- In partnership with (UMANA), UA Resistance Foundation and the Ukrainian Government, the group successfully shipped the first ambulance out of Chicago on a 747-800 aircraft on March 29, 2022. The ambulance was initially deployed to Kyiv before making its way to the Kharkiv region.
- After the success with the first ambulance Chris was asked if additional ambulances could be found in the USA to send over Ukraine. Chris soon found another ambulance in Tennessee and on April 11, 2022 that ambulance was flown out of Chicago to Ukraine. With the delivery of the second ambulance, US Ambulances for Ukraine was created.
- Soon after the second ambulance was flown to Ukraine, Chris made his first trip to Ukraine to see for himself what was needed and how donated supplies and equipment were being used. Upon his return to the US, Chris was able to secure three additional ambulances which were flown out of Chicago on May 7, 2022. On May 8, those ambulances were put in service in Ukraine.
- Since then, Chris has made multiple trips to Ukraine where he has driven donated ambulances and fire engines into Ukraine. Recipients include the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Defense, the State Emergency Services of Ukraine, volunteer fire fighter associations, various NGOs and many other groups providing medical and fire services in Ukraine.
- To date, **67 emergency vehicles from the United States have been delivered to Ukraine. This includes 52 ambulances, 8 fire engines, 6 SUVs and 1 military surplus utility truck. Vehicles and supplies have been donated from over 20 states.**
- US Ambulances for Ukraine is working on its 10th shipment which will leave for Ukraine sometime in late October or early November 2023.