

## **Chris Manson – OSF HealthCare Vice President of Government Affairs + U.S. Ambulances for Ukraine**

### **What does sending fire engines – in addition to the adding the ambulances mean to Ukraine?**

Just the ongoing war and the kind of rate of attrition on emergency vehicles. So fire engines, ambulances, I mean, they're targeted. They're just put through their paces, and they just break down. There's just not enough of those types of vehicles. And this is at a time when you have buildings collapse, fires, because of you know, rocket attacks or missile attacks. So it was made very clear to me, I think probably in July. That fire engines were definitely an ongoing need. :28

### **Tell us about some future engines planned for delivery**

We've got a couple more fire engines in the in our warehouse in Chicago, we've been donated, one from Bedford Park, which is really cool. 75 foot ladder. It's not a ladder, but it's like a boom, and it's got a basket on the end. So that'll be really ideal for like building collapses and unfortunately going to high rises destroyed or attacked, to pick people off of balconies and stuff like that. :30

### **Daughter Lily, now 8, is the one who really got this started a year ago. What's her perspective now?**

She continues to be interested she continue to be concerned. She's met a lot of people in the United States that are Ukrainian. And she enjoys the interactions and getting to talk to people. She continues to be a great little cheerleader, like, oh, we can get more ambulances dad, and you can do a dad, we can get this done. :21

### **Is there a timeframe for the endgame when you won't be securing ambulances and fire engines to donate any longer? Obviously, everything to this point has been a short term, kind of stopgap measure.**

This whole effort is really just to give the Ukrainian people some breathing room and some immediate aid when it comes to the emergency services stuff, the ambulances' environments. At some point when the war is over, the country's rebuilding, they can look to the future and they can buy their European ambulances or their European fire engines and move on. But hopefully, in the meantime, these vehicles serve that purpose and give them some breathing room to go ahead and provide the kind of care that they need to for their people. :34