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Suburban EMS leases former Forks squad's headquarters

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Sirens will again scream from the former Forks Township Emergency Squad headquarters on Sullivan Trail in the next few weeks, but the truck speeding away will bear a different name.

Suburban Emergency Medical Services has agreed to a one-year renewable lease with Faith Lutheran Church, said Suburban Executive Director Barry Albertson. The church purchased the neighboring squad building from Forks EMS for \$500,000 last month.

Township officials named Suburban the sole ambulance provider for the community in October after Forks EMS folded under mounting debt and a final fallout with local supervisors.

Albertson said the ambulance that had been temporarily garaged at the township's fire house will be moved into the Sullivan Trail building by next week.

Joe Affuso, president of the church congregation, said in April that the building would be used for an eventual expansion of the church, but that he would consider leasing it to Suburban in the meantime. Affuso could not immediately be reached for comment today.

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