

Braun Ambulances Save Lives, Create Jobs

Kim Elick, General Manager of Braun Ambulances, has introduced upcoming plans of expansion at their Van Wert facility. After a small growth in 2006, Braun is again looking to fight the recent economic trends and add more jobs to our local economy.

Within the coming weeks, Braun will be adding 10 jobs to their workforce. Also to help with increasing demands, they have finalized plans on a five acre expansion that will be implemented within the near future.

The additional workforce will help Braun compete in growing markets around the country. Expansion to all parts of the U.S. has become a priority for Elick, who has gained two new contracts and seven new dealers out west.

Braun has recently secured contracts with the cities of El Paso and Phoenix. “These orders are for 40 to 60 units that will be completed over multiple years,” said Elick.

Braun employees have also recently finished orders for the city of Boston, and also Miami, Florida.

A Braun ambulance is completed



within 120 days of an order being placed, but two-thirds this time is spent in the office.

“Usually 80 days are spent in the office planning the orders, our ambulances only see 40 days on the production floor,” said Elick.

Each ambulance goes through rigorous planning, which helps reduce waste and downtime once the plans finally reach the floor. Buyers are also able to customize ambulances to fit their



own needs. “About 25 percent of each ambulance can be customized,” said Elick.

After completion of the manufacturing process, Braun ambulances face multiple quality standards that must be met. Once the finished ambulances have passed all quality checkpoints, they are driven a minimum of 50 miles to make sure all aspects work while on the road. These tests allow Braun ambulances to be one of the safest emergency vehicles on the road today.