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## **RURAL/METRO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING**

*Emerges with Strengthened Balance Sheet and Enhanced Financial Flexibility*

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – December 31, 2013 – Rural/Metro Corporation, a national provider of private ambulance and fire protection services in 21 states and nearly 700 communities, today announced its emergence from Chapter 11 as a reorganized company.

“Today marks the successful completion of our financial restructuring and the start of a new chapter for our Company,” said Scott A. Bartos, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rural/Metro. “As a stronger and more competitive company, we will continue to invest in infrastructure and technology and advance our commitment to providing state-of-the-art medical transportation and fire services. Importantly, I want to thank all Rural/Metro employees, whose tireless efforts have been instrumental to our successful restructuring. I am excited to begin 2014 as the new and improved Rural/Metro.”

As previously announced, Rural/Metro’s Plan of Reorganization was confirmed by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware on December 17, 2013. Rural/Metro has met all closing conditions of its Plan of Reorganization. Through its financial restructuring, Rural/Metro has reduced its financial indebtedness by approximately 50 percent. In addition, Rural/Metro’s bondholders will provide the Company with a new equity capital infusion of \$135 million to help position the Company for renewed growth.

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP are serving as legal counsel, Lazard Frères & Co. L.L.C. is serving as investment banker, and Alvarez & Marsal and FTI Consulting, Inc. are serving as financial advisors to Rural/Metro.

### **About Rural/Metro**

Rural/Metro Corporation is a leading national provider of 911-emergency and non-emergency interfacility ambulance services and private fire protection services, operating in 21 states and nearly 700 communities. For more information, visit [www.ruralmetro.com](http://www.ruralmetro.com).

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