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Mascon Medical, Professional Firefighters, Brewster Ambulance Launch Program To Supply COVID-19 Vaccine in Massachusetts

The Last Mile Vaccine Delivery program to deploy mobile field immunization services to residents challenged by mobility and increased health risk.

Woburn, Massachusetts (February 5, 2021) – <u>Mascon Medical</u>, a subsidiary of <u>Mascon, Inc.</u>, a leading minority-owned manufacturing and supply chain company, has joined forces with the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts and Brewster Ambulance Service to launch a new program that will ensure fast, convenient, and safe COVID-19 immunization access to Massachusetts' most vulnerable residents. This new **Last Mile Vaccine Delivery** service is an innovative public/private partnership that will accelerate vaccine distribution and address transportation challenges by providing a home delivery solution.

"We developed the Last Mile Delivery collaboration in response to Governor Charlie Baker's desire to accelerate COVID-19 vaccine distribution in the Commonwealth," said **John Chen, President of Mascon, Inc.** "We strongly believe this new program working with the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts and Brewster Ambulance Service offers the Commonwealth a viable and immediate solution to address pressing scalability and logistical challenges, especially in the underserved communities and communities of color."

The urgently needed Last Mile Vaccine Delivery service began operating Friday, February 5 with inaugural vaccinations at Chelsea Housing Authority, 14 Bloomingdale Street, Chelsea and Granite Place, 125 Granite Street, Quincy.

"Our goal is to bring the vaccine to residents' zip code; where they live," said Chen. "The program is hyper focused exclusively on local communities most affected by the pandemic and those residents who have transportation issues. Last Mile Delivery brings our operational excellence, scalability, and expertise to Commonwealth's pandemic response."

Mascon Medical has been the operational partner for The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard and Brigham & Women's Hospital "*Test Boston*" Covid-19 research study. Mascon has also been integral in supporting the Broad Institute's high-volume testing in the Commonwealth. When The Broad was unable to increase capacity due to supply constraints on lab consumables, they reached out to Mascon who has been supplying The Broad with lab consumables to help them scale to more than 100,000 tests per day.

"We are well-positioned to successfully pilot this program throughout Massachusetts, especially in those communities with limited resources," said Chen. "Our three organizations are focused and in a state of readiness, confident that together, we can save lives."

Most recently, Mascon has been supporting the Association of Public Health Laboratories with their consumables needs across the country further supporting an increase in virus testing across



the country. And previously, during the 2020 holiday season, <u>Mascon donated more than one million dollars in PPE and infection control items to seven municipalities</u>, including Chelsea, Revere, Lawrence, Leominster, Fitchburg, Brockton, and Springfield.

The Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts provides the largest group of first responders and certified EMTs and paramedics in the Commonwealth who can mobilize quickly across more than 230 local fire departments. In addition, the beloved firefighters of Massachusetts are highly respected in their communities and most citizens openly welcome them into their homes.

"The more than 12,000 firefighters, EMTs and paramedics of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts stand ready to respond as we have throughout the pandemic to assist in getting the public, we took an oath to protect, vaccinated," said **Rich MacKinnon, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts**.

As an authorized *Stop the Spread* and *Type 73 Mass Vaccinator* service provider, Brewster Ambulance Service has the operational support to receive vaccines, manage patient signups and coordinate logistics. In addition, the organization has a strong relationship with the firefighters of Massachusetts, making it strategically positioned to effectively rollout COVID-19 vaccine delivery directly to patients' homes, senior centers, and other demographically challenged individuals that cannot get to a mass vaccination site, primary care physician or local pharmacy.

"We are excited to partner with Mascon Medical and the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts to deliver and administer the COVID-19 vaccine to immobile residents," said **Mark Brewster, President and CEO of Brewster Ambulance Service**. "Our team is ready to support the Commonwealth and Last Mile Vaccine Delivery. We are eager to continue our mission of getting the vaccination out to residents safely and as quickly as possible."

For more information on the Last Mile Vaccine Delivery, visit www.masconmedical.com, or follow Mascon on Facebook @MasconMedical.com, Twitter @MasconMedical, Instagram @masconmedical, and LinkedIn @mascon-medical.

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