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Depot upgrades humvee ambulances for Army Guard

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Tobyhanna Army Depot personnel are fabricating miles of new cable as part of a program to update the Army's tactical ambulance fleet.

Tobyhanna Army Depot has joined forces with Rock Island Arsenal to produce 72 new M997A3 Humvee Ambulances for the Army National Guard. The guard is set to receive 500 ambulances, which will augment, and in some cases replace, the older M996 two-litter ambulances and M997 four-litter models, according to Army Guard officials.

The new ambulances are the result of a shortage of tactical ambulances Army-wide. The M997A3 ambulance configuration will be specifically for the Army National Guard to meet its homeland security and natural disaster relief efforts. The first 45 units are scheduled for fielding in March 2014.

The new models feature a variety of upgrades from the ambulances they replace, including an improved drive train and electrical components, interior improvements inside the ambulance cabin and elements that provide for greater storage of medical equipment, said Jason

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