

Community Paramedic Program

The Bella Vista Fire Department instated the Community Paramedic Program in 2015, which is designed to assist Bella Vista residents who have been recently discharged from the hospital and are waiting for home health services to begin. Hospitals coordinate with our paramedics to provide information about these patients who have chosen to participate in the program. Medics come to the patient's home following discharge to be sure the patient understands his or her discharge instructions, is taking prescribed medications properly, is comfortable in his or her home and more. While they are there, paramedics will also assess the home for life-threatening problems, such as fall or fire hazards. This program is not just for hospital patients, however. Any Bella Vista resident can call us at any time if they have questions or need assistance with things like medications, discharge instructions or home safety. We will happily come to your home to assess fall hazards, fire safety or explain something you are unclear about regarding your medication prescription. Prevention on the front end leads to fewer accidents and incidents later. Call us for these services at 479-855-4454, or email Marla Bennett — mbennett@bellavistaar.gov.