

# Official Cites Smooth Operation Of Service

Lexington County's first month of ambulance service operation brought no major problems and put the government "well on our way to establishing a truly professional service for the people" in the view of county public safety director, Maj. Tom Boltz.

Boltz presented the first monthly report on the system to county council and announced that some complaints and a "tremendous number of compliments" have been regis-

tered since the service was inaugurated, Jan. 1.

The complaints, which dealt with length of response time, are being investigated, Boltz said.

During its first month of operation, the ambulance system responded to 296 calls involving 257 patients.

The average number of patients per day for the month, 8.29, was slightly off the average of 10 that Boltz said was predicted in the planning stages.

Average response time per call was reported at 12.49 minutes.

Receipts for the month totaled \$3,362, and the accounts receivable balance for the month ended at \$4,145.

Boltz reported that all of the program personnel have completed the 87-hour emergency medical technician course and are certified by the state. Most of the equipment ordered for the system has arrived and been placed in the ambulances, he said.