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Local EMS Provider Teams up With Robinson Cano on Goodwill Mission

Fuchs EMS and Medical Transport Services has coordinated with the Yankees star to provide emergency medical training and equipment to the Dominican Republic

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Fair Lawn-based Fuchs EMS and New York Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano through his RC24 Foundation are collaborating on a goodwill mission to standardize professional emergency medical care throughout Cano's native country, the Dominican Republic.

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In late January, Fuchs CEO Kevin Fuchs, of Ramsey, traveled with Cano to the Dominican to execute the first phase of the initiative, which involved donating and delivering seven modern, completely refurbished and outfitted ambulances to Cano's home city of San Pedro de Macoris, along with 776 pounds of medical supplies to help keep the ambulances operational.

With the necessary equipment and supplies in place, Fuchs and a team of New Jersey-based EMS professionals coordinated an intensive week-long EMS "boot camp" for 35 local responders from the Dominican Red Cross, the Civil Defense and the San Pedro de Macoris Fire Department.

The Dominican trainees were certified in CPR, basic first aid, blood borne pathogens and ambulance transport. According to a statement released by Fuchs, the trainees are now actively serving the community of San Pedro de Macoris and plan to become professional Emergency Medical Technicians and resident instructors within the Dominican Republic.

"This was historic from the standpoint of the Dominican Republic," Cano said in a statement. "With the help of Fuchs EMS and their partners, we are able to help the people of the Dominican Republic by responding to their dedication and enthusiasm to improve the human condition."

Fuchs said his team and the RC24 camp, whose mission is to improve the lives of underprivileged children in the Dominican Republic and around the world, would return to the Dominican to conduct more training and provide additional medical supplies in the fall.

"We're putting plans in place for our return visit," Fuchs said in a statement. "This initiative is about helping the people of the Dominican Republic build a system for professional emergency medical services, and we're well on our way."

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