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## **REDMOND REGIONAL EMS NAMED GEORGIA EMS SERVICE OF THE YEAR**

Redmond Regional EMS was named the Georgia EMS Service of the Year for the second time at the 2012 Georgia EMS Awards Banquet. The presenter praised the service for expanding their operation into two adjoining counties and the large amount of public service programs conducted by the service and its employees. Congratulations, Redmond.



## **REGION 1 HONOR GUARD HONORED FOR SERVICE**

The Region 1 EMS Honor Guard was honored at the 2012 Georgia EMS Awards Banquet for their service to the Georgia EMS Community. The Honor Guard is composed of representatives of Floyd Medical Center EMS, Gordon County EMS and Redmond Regional EMS. The honor guard has presented colors at every EMS conference in Georgia and at funerals honoring fallen EMS personnel. Congratulations, you make up proud.



## **DAVID LOFTIN RECEIVES EMS PIONEER AWARD**

David Loftin, former Office of EMS Region 1 EMS program director, was named the 2012 Dr. John B. O'Neal EMS Pioneer at the 2012 Georgia EMS Awards Banquet in Forsyth, Georgia. Mr. Loftin was recognized for his long career beginning as a rescue technician with Civil Defense and continuing with employment as a Paramedic with Floyd Medical Center EMS, Polk County EMS and Chattooga County EMS. Mr. Loftin was the first paramedic in Floyd County and worked with the District Health Office in Rome to develop a regional EMS system in northwest Georgia in the early 1980s.

**GEORGIA EMS AWARDS  
BANQUET NAMES  
RECIPIENTS**

EMS Service of the Year-  
Redmond Regional Medical  
Center EMS

EMT of the Year-  
Kristine Woodward

EMS Educator of the Year-  
Stephanie Schettig

EMS Director of the Year- David  
Borghelli

Dr. Gillespie EMS Medical  
Director- Dr Drew Williams

Dr O'Neal EMS Pioneer-  
David Loftin

Dr Burrell Distinguished  
Service- Dr. Jeff Linzer

Mary Beth Bowns Excellence in  
Trauma- Mid Georgia  
Ambulance Service

Dr Simon Pediatric Award- Mid  
Georgia Ambulance Service

Joe Lane Cox Award- Michelle  
Wallace

GAEMS Chairman Award-  
Region 1 EMS Honor Guard

GAEMS Chairman Award- Dr  
Pat O'Neal

GAEMS Legislative Award-  
Senator Greg Goggans

GAEMS Legislative Award-  
Representative Sharon Cooper

**OFFICE OF EMS EXTENDS  
RE-LICENSURE DEADLINE**

The Georgia Office of EMS has extended the deadline for EMS personnel re-licensure from June 30, 2012 to September 30, 2012. For more information, visit the Georgia Office of EMS website at <http://ems.ga.gov>

**EMS PERSONNEL  
CELEBRATE EMS WEEK**

Erlanger Medical Center, Angel EMS, Redmond Regional EMS, Gordon EMS and Floyd Medical Center EMS were just a few of the EMS agencies holding EMS week celebrations in Region 1. We appreciate all you do.

**NEXT REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL  
MEETING SCHEDULED**

The next regularly scheduled Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council is scheduled for July 26, 2012 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the North Georgia Community Center, 824 Industrial Blvd, Ellijay, GA



**LONNIE OLIVER  
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

Lonnie Oliver, Director of Fannin County EMS and long-term EMS Council member, has announced his retirement. Lonnie was honored at a retirement ceremony in Blue Ridge on June 15, 2012. He will also be recognized at the next EMS Council meeting in Ellijay.

**REGION 1 EMS TO BEGIN  
CREATION OF RTAC**

The first stakeholders meeting to create the Region 1 Trauma Advisory Committee will be held on August 16 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Calhoun. The meeting is open to the all stakeholders of healthcare, emergency services, public health, community organizations, neighboring states and counties and other interested parties. Contact David Foster for more details.

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