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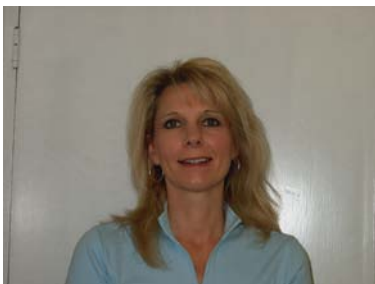
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## Groundbreaking for New Emergency Operations Center in Rome

Pictured above is the groundbreaking for a new Emergency Operations Center and Rome-Floyd County Fire Department Headquarters and Fire Prevention Center at 311 E. 12th St. on Monday. The center will also serve as a backup center for the E-911 center, which is currently housed in the joint law enforcement facility on Fifth Avenue in Rome. This project is part of a larger program to consolidate all public safety communications into one system.



## Monique hired by the District 1.1 WIC Program

We are pleased to announce that Monique Wheeler, former Region 1 Administrative Assistant has been hired by the District Health Office WIC program with no loss of service and at the same salary. She is located in the same building. You may call her at 706-295-6154 or e-mail her at [mawheeler@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:mawheeler@dhr.state.ga.us) to wish her well.

## Walker Fire & Emergency Services hosts Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiation, Nuclear, and Explosive Events Course



The Walker County Emergency Services hosted a Department of Homeland Security grant-funded Disaster Preparedness Program entitled "Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiation, Nuclear, and Explosive Events" from August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fire/ EMS Headquarters Building on Alex Drive in Chickamauga, Georgia.

This course was provided free of charge and funded through the Department of Homeland Security and is designed to increase preparedness and response capability within the local North Georgia Community. During the course students participated in multiple hands-on scenarios which reinforced critical thinking skills to ensure an understanding of the critical knowledge components of the course. Initially designed to address CBRNE events, or Chemical, Biological, Radiological/nuclear, or Explosive events, course material stresses an all hazards approach to disaster response. The course utilized two Human Simulators from METI Learning.

Students attending the course represented the following jurisdictions; Walker County Emergency Services, La Fayette Fire Department, Rossville Fire Department, Catoosa County Fire Department, Fort Oglethorpe Fire Department, Dade County

Emergency Services, Puckett EMS, Lifeguard EMS, Angel EMS, Chattanooga Fire Department, Erlanger Medical Center and Hutcheson Medical Center.

TEEX, a member of The Texas A&M University system, offered the hands-on course. They also offer customized first responder training, homeland security exercises, technical assistance and technology transfer services impacting Texas and beyond. TEEX programs include fire services, EMS, homeland security, law enforcement, public works, safety and health, search and rescue, and economic development. If your service would like to host one of these classes please contact **Kathy Wall, Training Specialist WMD/EMS Program, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University** 301 Tarrow, College Station, TX 77843 wk# 979-845-2409 - fax# 979-458-3453 [kathy.wall@teexmail.tamu.edu](mailto:kathy.wall@teexmail.tamu.edu)



## **Contacting the Region 1 Office of EMS & Trauma**

With the loss of all personnel except for the Regional EMS Program Director, all phone numbers to the Region 1 Office of EMS have changed except one.

Previously, the main number was 706-295-6175, which went into the Administrative Assistants Office. Now that no one is there to answer that number please use the direct line to David Foster's office. That number is **706-295-6176**. David Loftin's old number of 706-295-6154 is no longer operational either. That number will now send you to a different division within the Department of Public Health, District 1.1 Offices.

## **EMS Council to meet in Bremen on August 25th**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 1 EMS Council will be in Bremen, Georgia at the Family Life Center behind Hightower Funeral Home located at 324 Gordon Street on August 25, 2011 beginning at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be preceded by the Executive Committee at the same location at 10:00 a.m. You may call Carlton Firestone for directions at 770-537-1946. Both meetings are open to the public. The meeting is sponsored by Ambucare EMS.

## **Hutcheson Partners with Erlanger Health System**

Ft. Oglethorpe, GA - Executives of Erlanger Health System kicked off their new management agreement with Hutcheson Medical Center by giving top-notch "service" to Hutcheson employees at a celebratory picnic on Wednesday, June 8, at the Ft. Oglethorpe facility. Debbie Reeves, Hutcheson Interim CEO, told the crowd that they were celebrating "a new beginning of our partnership with the Erlanger Health System ... the best possible partnership that could have been chosen." Watch and listen to comments from Hutcheson supporters attending the picnic-and learn how they feel about Erlanger's new management agreement with Hutcheson—at <http://community.erlangerhealth.org/> Erlanger's community news blog.

## **GEORGIA EMS Conference News**

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual EMS/Educator Conference sponsored by Georgia EMS Association will be held at the Savannah Marriott on River Street on October 22-25, 2011. The conference will have provider and educator tracks as well as the ACLS Competition, Golf Tournament and pre-conference courses. For more information visit the GAEMS website at <http://www.ga-ems.com>

## **David Foster Officially Promoted to Region 1 EMS Program Director**

David Foster has been officially named as the Region 1 EMS Program Director to replace David Loftin who retired in December 2010. David, who has served as the Region 1 Interim Program Director since January 1, 2011, is now the only person left in the Region 1 EMS Office due to the layoffs that occurred when the federal funding supporting those positions was discontinued. His telephone number is **706-295-6176** and his e-mail address is [dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us)