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## **EMS COUNCIL TO CONSIDER BYLAWS REVISION AT CALLED MEETING**

The Northwest Georgia Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council is scheduled to have a special called meeting on February 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church on Highway 53 in Calhoun, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting is to have the second reading of the bylaws revision and voting for approval. Contact David Foster for more information at [dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us)

## **NEW OFFICERS NAMED AT ANNUAL EMS COUNCIL MEETING**

The Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council met on January 26, 2012 to elect new officers and at-large members. Randy Pierson was reelected as chairman and Lana Duff was reelected as vice-chairman. Two replacements were elected to the Executive Committee. Rick Cobb replaced Lonnie Elrod and Carlton Firestone replaced Robert Early. Three at-large members were named: Jim Cutcher, Jim Cutcher and Tommy Sanders.

## **GEORGIA EMS DAY AT LEGISLATURE NEWS**

The 2012 Georgia EMS Day at the Legislature is scheduled for February 7-8, 2012. The legislative reception will occur on February 7, 2012 at the Event Loft at Underground Atlanta from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The EMS Day at the Capitol will include a breakfast with legislators from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. EMS Recognition will be at the House and Senate chambers from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. For more details on legislation see <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/Search.aspx>

## **2012 REGION 1 AWARDS NOMINATIONS FORMS POSTED**

The nomination forms for the 2012 Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS awards are now posted on the Region 1 EMS website. All forms are due to David Foster by close of business day on February 15, 2012. The awards banquet will be held at the Catoosa County Colonnade on March 22, 2012. The doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m.

## **FREE ATTENDANCE FOR EMS AT EMAG CONFERENCE**

The Georgia Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response division will be providing free attendance for 375 EMS personnel from rural EMS services to the 2012 Georgia Emergency Management Conference. The conference will be held on May 2-4, 2012 at the International Trade and Convention Center in Savannah, Georgia. The opening presentation will be about the response to the April Tornado outbreak in Alabama. For more details see <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e5im6wj15301b096&llr=z8ze66dab>

## **EMS PERSONNEL UPDATE FORM NOW AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE**

See the Region 1 EMS website at <http://www.nwgaems.org> for the link to the form. All update modules must be completed by June 30, 2012 for all levels.

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## **FOURTH ANNUAL REGIONAL STEMI SUMMIT**

The fourth annual Regional STEMI Summit will be held on Friday, March 9, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Northwest Georgia Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, Georgia. The summit is free and offers 5.0 hour of continuing education credit to EMS personnel. Programs will be presented by Dr. Joseph P. Ornato on Comprehensive Post Resuscitation of the Cardiac Arrest Patient and Dr. Timothy Henry on Current STEMI approaches. Pre-registration is required. Contact David Foster for more details at [dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us)

## **CHANGES CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ATLANTA**

The 2012 CHANGES EMS Conference will be held at the Renaissance Waverly-Cobb Galleria in Atlanta on April 2-5 with tracks for provider, leadership and educators. Please visit the following website for more information  
<http://www.ga-ems.com/associations/4118/files/2012%20CHANGES%20Conference%20Flyer.pdf>

## **TECHNOLOGY BASED LEARNING CONFERENCE AT UGA**

A free conference on using technology to enhance teaching, learning and practice in the health professions is scheduled for Friday, March 30, 2012 for the Georgia Continuing Education Center in Athens, Georgia. The conference will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and provides free breakfast and lunch for all those attending. Pre-registration is required before March 27, 2012 at <http://ebp.uga.edu/conference>

## **COUNTDOWN BEGINS FOR RELICENSURE DEADLINE FOR ALL LEVELS**

June 30, 2012 is the deadline for completing all re-licensure requirements for all levels of EMS personnel in Georgia. For this year only, this includes the update modules posted on the Office of EMS website. See the Office of EMS website for more information at <http://ems.ga.gov>

## **ADVANCED STROKE LIFE SUPPORT RELEASES INSTRUCTOR PACKAGE**

The University of Miami School of Medicine Center for Research in Continuing Education has released the price list for the Advanced Stroke Life Support Instructor program. This will expand the Stroke education in Georgia by for the first time providing local instructor training. Instructor-Trainers are being named by the University of Miami to teach this program in Georgia. We hope to have one of these programs in Region 1 within the next several months. See the following website for more information  
<http://www.asls.net/introduction.html>

## **EMS ON THE HILL DAY AT U.S. CAPITOL**

The National Association of EMS is again sponsoring an EMS on the Hill event on March 20-21, 2012. You must register at [http://www.naemt.org/advocacy/emsonthehillday/EMSontheHillDay/EMS\\_on\\_the\\_Hill\\_Registration.aspx](http://www.naemt.org/advocacy/emsonthehillday/EMSontheHillDay/EMS_on_the_Hill_Registration.aspx) before February 15