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TORNADOS HIT EMS REGION 1

A series of tornados destroyed houses and businesses in several counties in Northwest Georgia. Hardest hit was Bartow and Gordon counties. There was severe damage to the downtown section of Adairsville, Georgia including the industry pictured above. The Region 1 OEMS Disaster Response Plan was activated and Program Director David Foster responded to the scene. Mutual response included units from Redmond

and Floyd EMS to assist Bartow Co EMS. Angel EMS responded with their Mobile Command Unit and 2 Disaster Buses. Floyd EMS also brought their Disaster Bus and Mobile Command Trailer. Gordon County was able to handle their incident without mutual aid. Preliminary reports indicate that both events were from the same long track tornado that traveled 23+ miles and appears to have been an EF3. Final designation yet to be determined

RTAC PLAN APPROVED BY GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION



The Georgia Trauma Commission approved the Region 1 EMS RTAC plan at their meeting in Rome on January 25, 2013. The plan was created by an RTAC steering committee with four working groups (pre-hospital, hospital, pediatric and disaster). The first meeting of the newly formed RTAC was held in Calhoun on January 24, 2013. The Chairman is Billy Hayes, Vice

chair is Scott Radeker and the RTAC Coordinator/Secretary is Mike Willingham. The next RTAC meeting will be in Calhoun on April 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

CLAUDIE BEAUDOIN RETIREMENT PARTY



"30 Years" of Service

Please join us on Feb. 8th, 2013 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Angel EMS Headquarters at 117 Herron Street in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. 30742. Claudie has dedicated her entire EMS career to North Georgia. Please come out and help us celebrate her much deserved retirement. Please RSVP to lanaduff@comcast.net or (706)861-1234. If you are unable to attend please send an email to Claudie at the above email address. Light refreshments will be served.

EMAG CONFERENCE NEWS

The annual EMAG conference is scheduled for April 24-26 in Savannah at the International Trade and Convention Center.

More information can be found at www.emagonline.com or contact Matthew Crumpton at 404-463-5568. Sponsorships to attend the conference will again be available.

REGION 1 EMS AWARDS NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE

The 2013 Northwest Georgia EMS Awards nomination forms are now available on the Northwest Georgia EMS website at <http://www.nwgaems.org> in the library section. The deadline for submission is February 20, 2013. The awards will be EMS Service of the Year, EMT of the Year, Danny Hall Memorial Medic of the Year, Mike Miller Memorial EMS Educator of the Year, Dr. James H. Creel Jr. EMS Pioneer of the Year, Dr. Virginia Hamilton Special Achievement Award, Dr. A Richard Gray Memorial Trauma Call of the Year and David Loftin Pediatric Call of the Year. Please consider nominating individuals and services for these awards and plan to attend the Awards Banquet.

62nd ANNUAL CHATTANOOGA CARDIAC SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED

The 62nd Annual Chattanooga Cardiac Symposium will be held at the Colonnade in Ringgold, Georgia on February 21, 2013. There will be speakers, food, vendor displays and door prizes. The sponsors have applied for Georgia EMS CEU credits. The

cost is \$50 for EMS personnel. More information can be found at <http://www.chattanooga-cardiac-symposium.com> and will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 4:00

p.m. Late Registration after February 1, 2013 will be \$100 per participant.

LANA DUFF NAMED CHAIR OF 501C3 CORPORATION



The Board of Directors and officers were approved at the Northwest Georgia EMS System meeting in Calhoun on January 24, 2013. Lana Duff was named as Chairman, Randy Pierson as Vice Chairman and David Loftin as Secretary/Treasurer. The next meeting of the Northwest Georgia Emergency Medical Services System (501C3) will be on April 18, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Calhoun, Georgia.

CHANGES CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN AUGUSTA

The 2013 CHANGES EMS Conference will return to Augusta, Georgia this year on March 25-28, 2013 at the Augusta Marriott at the Conference Center. There are numerous pre-conference

sessions and national speakers. The registration is \$129 and hotel fee will be \$125 per night. On-line registration will begin on February 15, 2013 at <http://ga-ems.com>



EMS DAY AT THE CAPITOL DATE ANNOUNCED

The 2013 EMS Day at the Capitol events have been scheduled for February 19 and 20, 2013. The events start with a reception on February 19 at the Event Loft in Underground Atlanta at 50 Upper Alabama Street, Suite 007 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. On February 20 the EMS Breakfast will be held in room 125 in the Georgia Capitol from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. followed by recognition in the house/senate chambers from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. You must RSVP by visiting the Georgia EMS Association website at <http://ga-ems.com/> Wear your uniforms. See you there.