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SNOW JAM 2014 COMES TO GEORGIA

The worst possible situation occurred in Georgia on January 28, 2014. A sudden winter storm with 14 degree weather trapped children trying to return home, people in their cars for hours and roads remained unpassable because abandoned cars blocked roads. Even with these obstacles, EMS came through again. In addition, the public helped each other by taking in strangers and bringing food to people trapped in cars on the roads. God bless you all.

RTAC COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The Region 1 RTAC committees will meet on the following dates/places:

- RTAC Hospital February 11, 2014 at Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.
- RTAC Data February 17, 2014 at Floyd Medical Center EMS 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.



Lana Duff, Chair

EMS COUNCIL NAMES NEW OFFICERS

The Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council voted Lana Duff as Chair and Danny West as Vice-Chair at the annual meeting on January 23, 2014. Also named for at-large positions were Randy Pierson and Tommy Sanders.

The Executive Committee members elected were

- Courtney Taylor,
- Sloan Elrod,
- Rick Cobb,
- Carlton Firestone,
- Bud Owens and
- Kevin Ballew.

Scott Radeker was named chair of RTAC Board of Directors and Randy Pierson was named Vice Chair and Chair of the Northwest Georgia EMS Systems Inc. Board of Directors.

CHANGES 2014 IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24-27, 2014.

Preconference sessions will be March 24-25, and regular conference days are March 26-27. The conference location

is Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center, Two Tenth Street, Augusta, Georgia. See the Georgia Association of EMS at <http://www.georgiaems.net/> for more information.



EMS DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2014

The annual EMS Day at the Capitol will be held on February 10, 2014 in room 230 at the State Capitol as a breakfast with the legislators. Please contact Kim Littleton at kimberly0630@gmail.com to reserve your place. Visit <http://www.legis.ga.gov> to follow legislation issues.

SPONSOR SOUGHT FOR SAFE KIDS PROGRAM IN CHATTOOGA/FLOYD/POLK COUNTIES.

With the possible loss of Redmond Regional EMS, the current sponsor of Chattooga, Floyd and Polk County Safe Kids Program, a Sponsor is being sought for this accident prevention program. If you are interested, please contact Scott Stephens at Gilmer County Fire Department.

REGION 1 AWARDS BANQUET NEWS

The 2014 Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Awards Banquet will be held on March 13, 2014 at the Salem Baptist Church in Dalton, Georgia beginning at 7:00 p.m. Nominations forms were emailed to all services and the Region 1 Blast list on January 6th, 2014 and are due in the Region 1 Office by 4P on Friday February 7th.

The announcements and RSVP Forms were emailed to the same lists on February 3rd and are due in the Region 1 Office by 4P on Friday February 28th, 2014. We have another great banquet planned again this year! Hope to see you there. David Foster is requesting all who are planning to attend to RSVP through your organizations. If you are not with any particular Service, Hospital or other related organization email your RSVP forms to David Foster at dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us

TELEMEDICINE EXPANDED TO EMS?

Lee Oliver revealed that tests are being conducted on video transmissions from EMS units to hospitals and may be funded in the near future.

Telemedicine is currently being used from hospital to hospital in the remote stroke program to teleconference with

specialists who can see the patient while talking with the remote hospital personnel. The Automatic Vehicle Locator System has been placed in ambulances in all but 5 counties in EMS Region 1 by

these grants. Georgia has more of these units on ambulances than any other state at present.

The committee is trying to negotiate lower airtime prices for this cellular phone based program.

RTAC TRAINING BEGINS AT LOCAL SERVICES AND HOSPITALS

The Regional Trauma Advisory Committee training program train-the-trainer course was conducted and now the training begins at the local service and hospitals. Please contact Jordan Pierson or David Loftin to schedule your course. There is discussion on making the program available on video instead of live power point presentations.

OFFICE OF EMS STARTS DIALOG ON REGULATORY STRUCTURE

The Georgia Office of EMS has begun to solicit comments on possible changes in the structure of licensure of personnel and scope of practice. The development of many programs such as Community Paramedic, Critical Care Paramedic, SWAT Medic and changes in the Healthcare system prompted this discussion. We will have more on this later as the discussions progress.

CHANGE IN DATE OF NEXT EMS COUNCIL MEETING

The date of the next Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council meeting has been changed to May 1, 2014 because of conflicts with the EMAG conference on

April 23-25, 2014. For more information on the EMAG Conference contact Matthew Crumpton at mrcrumpton@dhr.state.ga.us or visit

<http://emagonline.com/events/2014/04/2014-emergency-management-summit-training-session/>

DEBATE BEGINS ON COUNTY ORDINANCE TEMPLATE

The Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council Transportation/Zoning Committee is scheduling a meeting to discuss the County Ordinance Template which was developed to maintain the requirement for all 911 providers to maintain one paramedic or CT on all responses and to require that all emergency calls to be routed through 911 centers. This was created because these elements were removed from the last change to the Region 1 EMS Zoning Plan upon the request from the Georgia Office of EMS to standardize all regional zoning plans. The template if approved would be circulated to all county commissions for consideration to adopt as a county ordinance. For more information, contact David Foster at dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us