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## **GRANTS BENEFIT EMS REGION ONE**



Both the DART grants and the Education Grants are already benefitting EMS Region One. A PHTLS course has been taught funded by the Education grant. Pictured above is the training trailer which will be used to transport training equipment for PHTLS and EPC courses in EMS Region One. Personnel have stocked the field bags for DART responders and the portable radios have been programmed. The first DART training course is in progress in Cartersville, Georgia.



### **DART SUPPLIES ASSEMBLED FOR DISTRIBUTION**

Representatives from many services gathered at Floyd Medical Center EMS to assemble the DART backpacks with supplies and radios. Thanks for everyone who participated. The backpacks are scheduled to be distributed at the next EMS Council meeting on July 23, 2015 to agencies who had attendees at the DART course and have turned in their MOU..



### **FIRST DAY OF DART COURSE DRAWS MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS**

The first day of the newly designed Disaster Assistance Response Taskforce (D.A.R.T.) course was taught at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville on July 15, 2015 with over 100 students in

attendance. 18 EMS Services participated in the training in order to prepare them to respond and accompany Search and Rescue teams in disasters to render medical care. Designated reserve ambulances at the participating services will be equipped with programmable radios and backpacks for a crew of five person crew. Two for transport and at least three team members that will accompany Search and Rescue in disasters to render medical care to injured Search and Rescue team members and any victims found. The staffed ambulance will be available for transport. This concept was developed by a multi-disciplinary team from 13 different entities organized by David Foster to meet a need he recognized in the response to the Tornado Outbreak of April 27–28, 2011. Grants from GEMA Area 6 and the Georgia Trauma Network Commission provided the funding to develop the D.A.R.T. course and provide the supplies. The grant funds were coordinated by the Georgia Public Health District Health Office in Rome and the Northwest Georgia EMS Systems Incorporated (501C3). A Educational Team was formed of experts in the various aspects of expertise to develop and teach the course. The next D.A.R.T. course will be held in the fall.

**NEXT EMS COUNCIL,  
EMS -C AND RTAC  
MEETINGS SCHEDULED  
FOR JULY 23**

The next regularly scheduled RTAC and EMS Council meetings will be held on July 23, 2015 at Trinity Baptist Church near Calhoun, Georgia at 1170 Rome Road (Georgia Highway 53). The RTAC will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Council meeting will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**REST IN PEACE MERRELL  
WOOD**



Merrell Wood was a paramedic and during his 51 years he worked at Floyd, Polk and Ambucare EMS. His death from medical causes has caused some EMS workers to adopt his mission in life to assist others in dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder.

**JOHN WHITMIRE,  
ORIGINAL EMS COUNCIL  
MEMBER PASSES AWAY**

There are not many original members of the Northwest Georgia EMS Council left. The only original EMS Council member currently on the council is Larry Ballew. John Whitmire was one of the representatives of Cherokee County and assisted with the design and implementation of the regional communications system (GATIS) which was the first cellular phone. RIP John.

**2015 EMS EDUCATOR  
CONFERENCE TO BE  
HELD IN SAVANNAH**

The 2015 Georgia EMS and EMS Educator Conference will be held from September 11 – 15, 2015 at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel. The pre-conference will be held from September 11-12 and the conference dates are September 13-15. An EMS Golf Tournament will be a part of the conference again this year. For more information see the GAEMS Website at

<http://www.georgiaems.net/events.html>

**BASIC DISASTER LIFE  
SUPPORT COURSE  
August 14th at Cherokee Co  
Fire & Emergency Services  
Training Center**

There will be a BDLS course held in Region 1 for the EMS D.A.R.T. personnel who have yet to have this course. This is course is open statewide and is usually limited to 50 attendee's. If you are on the NW GA EMS D.A.R.T. for your service and have not taken this course, you need to access the ASPR calendar and register if slots are still available.