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GORDON EMS WINS EMS SERVICE OF THE YEAR

Gordon EMS won the 2015 Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Service of the Year at the annual EMS awards banquet held at Wellstar Paulding Hospital in Hiram, Georgia on March 12, 2015. Over 300 people attended the banquet. Other recipients of the various awards were:

Special Recognition Pioneer Women of EMS (20+ years service)

The Person of the Year (The One Award) - David Loftin

David Loftin Pediatric Call of the Year- Greg Hawkins, Charla Welch, Darryl Goodwin, Leroy Lullallen Jr., Stephen Watson, David Presley - Redmond Regional EMS

Tommy Gaylor Memorial Medical Call of the Year - Randy Wilkes & Todd Bush - Hamilton EMS

Dr. A. Richard Gray Trauma Call of the Year - Joe Fuller, Mitch Golden, Alina Wagner, Joey Oesterreicher - Ambucare EMS

Dr. Virginia Hamilton Special Service Award - Dan Sweitzer – Floyd Medical Center - Retired

Dr. James H. Creel Jr. EMS Pioneer Award - Johnny Hale - Lifeforce

Mike Miller Memorial EMS Educator of the Year - Will Pitt, Walker Co Emergency Services

Stanley Payne Memorial EMS Leadership Award - Chief Danny West – Cherokee Co Fire & Emergency Services

EMT of the Year - Brad Cochran – Bartow Co EMS

Danny Hall Memorial Medic of the Year - Genny Cook - Walker Co Emergency Services

Thank you our generous sponsor for providing funding for another great banquet.

- Platinum - Wellstar Paulding Hospital and Southeastern Emergency Equipment
- Gold - Metro Atlanta Ambulance and Erlanger Health Systems LifeForce
- Silver - AirLife Georgia and Air Evac Lifeteam
- Bronze - Floyd Polk Medical Center

Thanks also to the Awards Committee. Co-chairs Chief Joey Pelfrey and Karen Robinson: Members Tommy Sanders, Lee Oliver, Kevin New, Scotty Hancock and Brian Walker.

Thanks also to David Foster who made it happen



NEW EMS REGION 1 FLAG UNVEILED AT BANQUET



FIRST ANNUAL TOMMY GAYLOR MEMORIAL MEDICAL CALL OF THE YEAR AWARDED TO HAMILTON EMS



BRAD COCHRAN OF BARTOW COUNTY EMS WINS EMT OF THE YEAR (PICTURED WITH LANA DUFF)

ADVANCED EXPLOSION AND BLAST INJURIES COURSE

An Advanced Explosion and Blast Injuries Course will be held at Floyd Corporate Classroom located at 420 East Second Avenue in Rome, Georgia on May 1, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The course is designed to prepare pre-hospital personnel and first responders in triage, diagnostic and management procedures for blast victims. CEU hours are awarded by EMS (7.0), GNA (6.4) and GA FF (8.5). To register go to <http://www.georgiapoisoncenter.org/public-education> or registrations@georgiapoisoncenter.org. For more information contact Matthew Crumpton at 678-618-39.52.

DATE CHANGED FOR GEORGIA EMS AWARDS BANQUET

The annual Georgia EMS Awards Banquet date has been changed to May 11, 2015 because of a scheduling conflict. The banquet will again be held at Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia beginning at 6:00 p.m. More information will be available next month in Ambuglances, on the website and facebook page.

Dr Paul Nassour MD, update

Dr Paul Nassour, A long time Emergency Department Physician at Hutcheson Medical Center, Former Bartow County EMS Medical Director and former Region 1 EMS Medical is in poor health secondary to CHF. David Foster went to visit him on February 14th, 2015 and presented him with a proclamation from the Region EMS Advisory Council for his almost 40 years of service to the Region 1 EMS. Please keep him and his family in your prayers during the tumultuous time.



JEREMY WALLIN FUND RAISERS

Jeremy Wallin, Redmond Regional EMS Paramedic and member of the Region 1 Honor Guard was recently diagnosed with cancer and several fund raisers have been established to assist him. Orders for Team Wallin T-Shirts are being taken through Redmond Regional Medical Center EMS. A Benefit Car Show for Jeremy Wallin will be held soon. Please contact Chris Edgeman for info about the car show 423-443-2357. A GoFundMe account has also been established and may be accessed through Sherry N Bill Peace facebook page. A flag football tournament is also being planned. See the Jeremy Wallin facebook page for more information.

DART PROJECT PROGRESS NEWS

The grants and contract have been signed and we released request for Bids on March 12, 2015. Between the GEMA grant and the Georgia Trauma Commission grant we have approximately \$125,000 to purchase all DART Field Bags/supplies, DART USAR Helmets, Non-Ballistic Tactical Vest, and portable radios for each unit that has been designated through the Letter of Intent signed by service last year.

We also have funds for a few disaster drill participations, development and delivery of the DART course and vehicle identification signs.

We hope to have all equipment in, packed, sealed and MOU ready for distribution by June and DART Education class #1 ready by Late August and #2 class in Oct/Nov of this year. Watch for more info in future emails, and on the NWGA EMS Systems Inc webpage and Facebook page.

Northwest Georgia EMS Systems Inc Meeting

Northwest Georgia EMS System Inc. meeting will be held on March 19, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Floyd Medical Center EMS Headquarters in Rome, Georgia at 500 Riverside Parkway N.E. The meeting is open to the public