
AMBUGLANCES

VOL 27 NO 8

THE NUMBER ONE EMS REGION IN GEORGIA

MAY 2015

Nation Celebrates EMS Week

In 1973, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS, its practitioners and the important work they do in responding to medical emergencies. Back then, EMS was a fledgling profession and EMS practitioners were only beginning to be recognized as a critical component of emergency medicine and the public health safety net. This year, **May 17-23, 2015** has been designated as National EMS Week. Please e-mail pictures of your activities to loftindavid@yahoo.com or post on the Northwest Georgia EMS Systems Inc. Facebook page.

2015 Region 1 EMS Activities reported to date

Floyd County Public Safety Day

Floyd County Law Enforcement and Public Safety Day in Rome, Georgia will be held on **May 16 from 11 - 6 at** Ridge Ferry Park. Free live music. Food on site

Erlanger Health Systems 2015 EMS Week -

** Breakfast and lunch will be available each day during the week at the Erlanger Health System main campus.

** EMS providers should visit with the adult and pediatric charge nurse at the Erlanger

Health System main campus for an opportunity to win prizes.

** Drawings will be held daily for EMS agencies in each of the LIFE FORCE service areas. The schedule for those drawings will be: LF1- May 18, LF2 – May 19, LF3 – May 20, LF4 – May 21.

Sunday, May 17, 2015 – First Responder Night with the Chattanooga Lookouts. (2) FREE tickets will be available for the first 125 first responders that show up with emergency services ID.

Monday, May 18, 2015 – EMS Week Bass Tournament at Chester Frost Park. Breakfast and Registration begin at 6:15 EST. Proceeds from this event go to benefit the Chattanooga Forgotten Child Fund as well as the paramedic scholarship program at Chattanooga State Community College.

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – EMS Awards Ceremony – Location will be the LIFE FORCE Hangar complex at Erlanger Health System. This event will honor many of the EMS providers and agencies in the region as well as 2015 Georgia EMS Region 1 award winners. Immediately following this event, a BBQ luncheon will be available on

the Erlanger Health System Emergency Department patio area just adjacent to the ambulance bay.

Thursday May 21, 2015 - EMS Week Celebration at Cartersville Medical Center. 11A-1P

Friday May 22, 2015 - Gordon County EMS Annual Golf Tournament. Fields Ferry Golf Course, Calhoun. Registration 830-10A. Shotgun start at 10A - 4 man teams. Contact Courtney Taylor @ Gordon EMS, check your email from Region 1 EMS Office dated Monday May 4th or check the NW GA EMS Systems, Inc. Facebook Page for more information.



Erlanger LifeForce Wins Tennessee EMS Service of the Year

Erlanger's LIFE FORCE air medical program recently received the Southeastern EMS Director's Association Service of the Year award for the program's outstanding emergency medical services for patient care. Erlanger will celebrate EMS week with a number of events:

Stroke Drops from Third to Fifth Highest Cause of Death

Congratulations to you all. You have been a part of one of the most significant achievements in the recent history of modern medicine. Because you have attended the Advanced Stroke Life Support courses, adopted acute stroke triage protocols and transported acute stroke patients directly to Stroke Centers you were an important part of this success. Keep up the good work and let's move Acute Stroke out of the top ten causes of death. It has been announced that the revised ASLS materials will be available soon and instructor updates will begin in the next few months.

Georgia EMS Awards Banquet to be held on Monday, May 11, 2015

The 2015 Georgia Emergency Medical Services Awards Banquet will be held on May 11, 2015 at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, GA. Tickets are \$25 per person. You may pay online by credit card, by mailing a check or pay at the door.

You may register on the Georgia Association of EMS webpage at <http://www.georgiaems.net/>

Please register by the extended RSVP deadline of May 7, 2015

DART Update

Equipment has been ordered, and starting to come in. We will spend the next couple of months inventorying and assembling the DART Field Bags.

We are also finalizing the Communication and Activation Plan and will have more soon. The Education committee will meet May 28th to finalize the course outline and media. This will be a

16 - hour All Hazards Course focusing on USAR, Tactical, HazMat, Wilderness, Mass Burns, Triage, Job Action Sheets, Operational Guidelines and more. We currently are looking at mid to late July for the first course and then another one in mid to late October. These will be conducted on back to back weeks on the same shift each time so you can plan your time accordingly.

Once we finalize these last few details of the DART plan, we will develop a local training program for the 911 Centers with guidelines and contact information for activation of the taskforce when needed.

Stay tuned for more update.

DART Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) Course Scheduled for August 19th, 2015

We have been able to secure a second BDLS course, which is a required DART member course, for the Region 1 DART members. The course is limited to 50 participants, however we had 58 DART members attend the one last year in Dalton.

We have 50 more slots for the this year's course which will be held at the Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Service Training Center in Canton. Check your email from May 5th for the HCCP Calendar forwarded by the Region 1 EMS office or go to this link to register. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDLS2015-16>

Whitfield County Recognized for Preparation Event

Whitfield County is the first County in the State of Georgia to

conduct a local *PrepareAthon*, and it has been a great success.



Participating partners were FEMA, GEMA / Homeland Security, The National Weather Service, WDEF TV, Whitfield County LEPC, and Jeff Ownby, Deputy Director and Amy Cooley, Emergency Management Specialist...A lot of hard work and tiring hours has gone into this event.....BE SMART, TAKE PART



We recognize the Public Safety Telecommunications employees who staff the nation's 911 Centers. Several employees were recognized during this week:



Toni recieved two Awards from the Rome-Floyd County 911 Center for; 1) 2015 Quick Draw Award - 911 Lines - for answering the most 911 calls in 2014. She answered 5,397 911 calls. 2) 2015 Dial Tone Award - for answering the most 911 hang up calls - she answered 1,077 abandoned 911 calls. Congratulations to Toni on her two awards!!!!



Congratulations to April Day on her selection at Floyd County E-911's Communications Officer of the Year!!!!