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## EMS REGION 1 DISASTER MEDICAL STRIKE TEAMS

EMS Region 1 has applied for a grant to serve GEMA Area 6 with disaster medical strike teams. The teams of 4-6 personnel per ambulance will co-support Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR 6) teams during a mass casualty incident as well as provide transport services. The project has identified a leadership team of stakeholders with system development and disaster response coordination and management experience. If you are interested in serving a strike team member let your service director now by June 1st. Region 1 OEMS&T Director David Foster will be asking directors of EMS and Medical First Responder agencies to provide names of those at each service interested in participating in the training and other team requirement to submit those names for review by the leadership in early June 2014. The team plans to have a draft plan ready for review and comments by stakeholder by the end of August 2014 and start conducting direct delivery training by September 2014. Our goal for activation readiness is December 31, 2014. More information to come as we develop the project.

## REGION 1 EMS OFFICE EMAIL SYSTEM CHANGES COMING

The Region 1 Office will be changing the email system on the weekend on May 17-18, 2014 to the new Department of Public Health email system along with the District 1.1 District Office. This will result in a new email address effective May 19th, 2014 for Region 1 OEMS&T Director David Foster. The new email will be David.Foster@dph.ga.gov On Friday May 16th, all personnel at the district office will begin doing pre-conversion work on emails and archived email as well as address books to avoid losing anything in the conversion process. David asks that you refrain from sending him emails after 8A Friday May 16th until 12 noon on Monday May 19th to avoid them getting lost in the process. If you need assistance during that time, please call him on his state cell or at the office.

## REGIONAL EMS OFFICES PROGRAM DIRECTOR CHANGES



Billy Watson



Russ McGhee

Sam Cunningham, retired from the

Region 7 (Columbus) OEMS&T after more than 20 year with the state office and over 40 years of dedicated EMS service. With Sam's retirement, there will be a few changes in the Region Offices. Effective May 16th, 2014 Bill Watson Region 4 OEMS&T Director will be moving from EMS Region 4 to EMS Region 7 to replace Sam as the Region 7 OEMS&T Director. Russ McGee will move from Region 5 OEMS&T Director to Region 4 OEMS&T Director. This will be a home coming of sorts for both as they both will be the Director in the region that each live in. The Region 5 OEMS&T Directors position will be opened for applications as soon as approval is given by DPH.

## THE PASSING OF A GREAT ONE



Tommy Gayler, Paramedic, Firefighter, Flight Medic, Nurse and Educator was killed in an auto accident on April 6, 2014. His memorial service was attended by about 300 people on April 25, 2014. He was one of a kind and will be truly missed. His legacy lives on.

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## GEORGIA EMS AWARDS BANQUET NEARS

The 2014 Georgia Emergency Medical Services Awards Banquet will be held on May 22, 2014 at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, GA. Online registration is available to reserve your spot.

Banquet tickets are \$25 each. You can register more than one person on a registration by adding guests. The RSVP deadline is May 16, 2014, so online registrations must be submitted by that date. You can register on the GAEMS website

<http://www.georgiaems.net>

Most Region 1 EMS Award recipients were nominated for State Awards.

Nominations were submitted for

- Rick Cobb - Dr Zeb Burrell Lifetime Achievement Award
- Cherokee Co Emergency Services - Service of the Year
- Floyd EMS - Pediatric Call of the Year
- Puckett EMS - Trauma Call of the Year
- Karen Robinson - EMS Director of the Year
- Sherry Peace - Educator of the Year
- Brian Irish - Medic of the Year
- Ryan Holden - Medic of the Year

Come Join us and support your Region 1 recipients as they all

have a very good chance of becoming the recipient of the state awards.

## ELECTRONIC PATIENT TRACKING ON THE WAY?

Matthew Crumpton presented a program at the last EMS Council meeting on a method or using handheld electronic devices tracking patients by coded bracelets placed on each patient. The Region is planning to become part of this pilot project in addition to the coastal counties of Georgia and a few other EMS Services in Georgia. This method will not only be used in disasters but in routine patient transports, transmitting the patient information to the receiving hospital and locating them on electronic mapping computer software.

Fannin Co EMS was the first service to contact Matthew and is already starting the process of getting the system and training. Congratulation to Robert and Darryl for getting right on this project.

Region 1 OEMS&T Director David Foster urges all service to get started on getting in touch with Matthew and get your system started as this is will be on major component of the EMS Disaster Medical Task Force and Strike Team project.

## EMS Week May 18-24th, 2014

Region 1 EMS services will be conducting many different activities during that week honoring EMS personnel for the work they do. A few of the currently known events are;

- Gordon EMS recognizing all Public Safety agencies in Gordon Co on Monday May 19th.
- Erlanger will be holding their annual EMS Week Brunch at the main campus on Tuesday May 20th at 10A. They will recognize the SE Tennessee EMS and NW GA Region 1 EMS Awards recipients.
- Thursday, Friday and Saturday May 22-24, Floyd EMS will be holding their annual lunch receptions at their Headquarters
- Cartersville Medical Center will be recognizing a select group of EMS providers for their exceptional calls in an invitation only event on Thursday May 22
- Gordon EMS will be hosting their annual Public Safety Charity Golf Tournament at Field Ferry Golf Course in Calhoun with a 10A T-Time. Contact Courtney Taylor at Gordon EMS for more information or email the Region 1 Office of EMS and Trauma for a registration flyer.

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There will probably be other activities around the region that have yet to be communicated to the Region 1 Office.

## **2015 REGION 1 AWARDS BANQUET TO BE HELD IN PAULDING COUNTY**

The awards committee for the NWGA/Region 1 EMS Council has been identified and has already secured a date and location for the 2015 banquet. Our host will be Paulding-Wellstar Medical Center. The committee will be meeting multiple times over the next 7 months to finalize all details of the banquet. We hope to have some exciting new surprises for our agenda. Stay tuned for more information and mark your calendars for March 12, 2015.

## **Next Region 1 EMS Meeting Dates**

Northwest Georgia EMS Systems Inc will meet at Floyd EMS Headquarters on May 29th, 2014 at 10A. Randy asks that all members need to attend.

Region 1 EMS Council / RTAC / EMS-C will meet on Thursday July 24th at Trinity Baptist Church in Calhoun.

EMS-C will meet at 9A  
RTAC will meet at 10A  
lunch will be available at 1130A  
Council will meet at 12N