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EMS COUNCIL RECOMMENDS METRO ATLANTA AMBULANCE FOR PAULDING ZONE

The Northwest Georgia Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council voted on October 24, 2013 to recommend Metro Atlanta Ambulance to become the designated provider for the Paulding County EMS zone. This action followed the information revealed to the EMS Council that Sam Clark intended to sell Clark Ambulance Service to Metro Atlanta Ambulance.

REDMOND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER GETS APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THE TRAUMA CENTER DESIGNATION PROCESS

Redmond Regional Medical Center received approval from the EMS Council to begin the process of designation as a level 3 Trauma Center. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma. The process will include review and site visits by the Office of EMS and Trauma.

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC MEETING

A state-wide meeting on Community Paramedics will be held on November 13, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Georgia Public Safety Training Center Conference Bay B.

GEORGIA EMS-C PROGRAM SEEKS COMPLETION OF SURVEY INSTRUMENT

The Georgia Emergency Medical Services for Children program has distributed a survey instrument to all zoned Ambulance Services. This survey is required by the EMS-C grant for funding the Georgia EMS-C program. Please complete this survey as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Buddenhagen at kmbuddenhagen@dhr.state.ga.us

ANNUAL EMS EDUCATOR UPDATE TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER

The annual EMS Educator update for EMS Region 1 will be held on December 12, 2013 in Rome at Georgia Northwestern Technical College from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All Georgia EMS Educators must apply for re-licensure by December 31, 2013.

OFFICIALS TO CHECK EMS SERVICES FOR CONTINUOUS OPERATION REQUIREMENT

The Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma will begin checking licensed EMS Services for continuous operation as required by Georgia Rules and Regulations. The Rules require that at least 1 station of each licensed EMS Service must be staffed and have communications operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

REGION 1 EMS HONOR GUARD SEEKS DONATIONS

The Region 1 EMS Honor Guard has sought funding assistance from the Northwest Georgia EMS Systems 501C3 to purchase supplies used in their activities. If you wish to donate to this worthy cause contact David Loftin, Randy Pierson or Lana Duff for more information. These donations are tax deductible through the 501C3. See page 2 of this issue for more information on the Region 1 EMS Honor Guard.

EMS COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT JANUARY MEETING

The Northwest Georgia Emergency Medical Services Council will hold elections at the January 23, 2014 for the chairman, vice-chairman, Executive Committee, two at-large council positions and RTAC members. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please email your letter of interest by December 31, 2013 to Region 1 OEMS&T Program Director, David Foster at dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us. A nominating committee has been formed to review all applications and make a recommendation to the Council at the January, 2014 meeting.

EMS COUNCIL SCHEDULE SET FOR 2014

The Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council will meet on the following dates for 2014:

- *January 23, 2014*
- *April 24, 2014*
- *July 24, 2014*
- *October 23, 2014*

Committees will meet at the following times on these dates:

- *9:00 - 10:00 EMS-C*
- *10:00 - 11:30 RTAC Council*
- *11:00 - 11:30 Executive Committee*
- *11:30 - 12:00 Lunch provided*
- *12:00 - 2:00 EMS Council*
- *2:00 - 4:00 NWGA EMS 501C3*

DAVID LOFTIN AND JORDON PIERSON TO CO-COORDINATE RTAC PROGRAM

David Loftin and Jordon Pierson will be co-coordinators for the EMS Region 1 RTAC program. Mike Willingham submitted his resignation as the RTAC coordinator in July 2013 to pursue other career options.

RTAC TRAINING MODULES ROLLOUT ANNOUNCED

The rollout dates of the Northwest Georgia EMS RTAC Training Modules has been announced as follows:

- *November 8 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at Floyd Medical Center EMS*
- *November 14 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton*
- *November 19 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at Ambucare EMS*
- *December 10 at Floyd Medical*

Center EMS (Train-the-Trainer)

Contact Randy Pierson at рпиerson@floyd.org for more information

REGION 1 EMS HONOR GUARD

During 2013 the Region 1 EMS Honor Guard has been busy! It has been an honor to be a part of and participate in over 20 details this year alone and I would imagine well over 100 since our formation. We have represented our region at the Rome Braves Games, 9/11 Memorial services, parades, regional and state awards banquets, GAEMS functions and conferences, the National EMS Memorial Service in Colorado and most importantly, funerals of our brothers and sisters in EMS as well as some armed forces personnel and public safety



We currently have around 15 active members from three services. The goal of the Regional Team is to have participation in some capacity from ALL services serving in Region 1. There are more ways to serve than just having a person dressed in a class "A" uniform. Please stay tuned for further information and training dates over the next few months. A member of our team will be in touch with your directors and supervisors soon to schedule an

information session to see how you can help! In the mean time look us up, add us, tweet us and share these sites to help everyone stay connected.

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Regiononeems Honorguard Georgia

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Respectfully

CPT Marcus Desmond EMTP
Commander Region 1 EMS,
Gordon EMS Honor Guard

Donations are being taken to support the Region 1 EMS Honor Guard to be placed in a special account established by the Northwest Georgia EMS Systems Inc. You may give your donation to David Loftin, Randy Pierson or Lana Duff. The funds will be used to purchase ceremonial and Burial flags as well as other materials for the Honor Guard.