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DART Program Receives First Grant Funding

The Disaster Assistance Response Task Force project has received about \$24,975.00 from the GEMA Area 6 Council All Hazards Grant. This funding will enable the project to equip the first four DART vehicles in EMS Region 1.

The NW GA EMS DART Program also received funding (Worth approx. \$10,000.00) from the Department of Public Health, Health Protection, Emergency Preparedness Office through ASPR funding for a Basic Disaster Life Support training course thanks to Matthew Crumpton. The course will be held Sept. 9th, 2015 at Dalton with 78 current registrants.

An EMS DART Stakeholders meeting will be held on September 30, 2014 at Trinity Baptist Church on Georgia Highway 53 south, Calhoun, Georgia from 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. Representatives from Fire, Law Enforcement, EMA/911, Public Health, Hospitals and other interested parties are invited. The meeting is open to the public.

October EMS Meeting have Full Agendas

The EMS Council and RTAC meetings have full agendas for October 23, 2014. The RTAC will discuss the draft of the Regional Trauma Plan modified using the new Georgia Trauma Plan and also data from the GEMIS pre-hospital patient care report program. The EMS Council will discuss the Community Paramedicine program and the Disaster Assistance Response Taskforce project. A nominating committee for 2015 will also be named at this meeting. The January 2015 EMS Council meeting will be the annual meeting to elect officers.

THE NW Georgia EMS Systems Inc to Meet in October , 2014.

The Northwest Georgia EMS Systems Inc. (501C3) will be meeting on October 8, 2014 at Floyd Medical Center EMS Headquarters in Rome at 10:00 a.m. Topics to be discussed are a Pay Pal account and finalization of a brochure with accompanying talking points document.

Kelly Buddenhagen Resigns from Georgia EMS-C Program

Kelly Buddenhagen has announced her resignation as the director of the Georgia EMS for Children's (EMS-C) program through the Office of EMS and Trauma. Kelly has worked tirelessly for children's programs on the local, regional, state and federal levels. We wish Kelly well in her new endeavors.



Lifeforce Celebrates 25 Years of Service to the Region

Lifeforce Air Medical Service began service in December 1988 to provide air medical transport to patients in Central Tennessee, North Georgia and North Alabama. Above is an early picture of the entire crew of the service in 1988. We thank them for their service.

EMS Directors & Management Leadership Conference

The conference will be held at the Legacy Lodge & Conference Center at Lake Lanier on March 17-18, 2015 with a pre-conference on March 16, 2014. This conference provides an amazing educational opportunity for leaders and focuses on cutting edge best practices in EMS. Attendees will be taught skills and given the information needed to lead, manage, supervise and succeed in today's ever changing field of emergency medical services.

The conference will be taught by some of the top content experts on Leadership and Personal Development, Law, Human Resources, Education, Operations, and Innovation. Contact Kim Littleton at kimberly0630@gmail.com for more details.

GAEMS Sponsors Annual EMS & EMS Educators Conference coming up in Savannah

The Georgia Association of EMS has announced the date of the annual EMS and EMS Educator conference in Savannah. The dates are October 18-19, 2014 at the Savannah Riverfront Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Register by October 10, 2014 <http://members.ga-ems.com/gaems-registration>

Chattahoochee Technical College Hiring Adjunct EMS Instructors

Chattahoochee Technical College has openings for EMS Adjunct Instructors. Please see the listing. We are planning to interview in September and October. Contact Phil Klein at Chattahoochee Tech for more details or visit <http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu> for more information under job center.

Suicide Prevention Facebook Page for EMS Professionals

The recent suicide of Robin Williams caused an examination of Suicide Prevention programs focused on EMS Professionals. A Facebook page is devoted to the issue at <https://www.facebook.com/rescuemeSP>

FBI Director Alerts Potential of Terrorist Attacks in the United States

"The terrorist group that beheaded American journalist James Foley may be a threat to the United States". FBI Director James Comey who was in Atlanta Friday, met with metro area law enforcement agencies, to alert them to the possibility of attacks here in the U.S. "It may have gone up a degree with us being in an active fight with ISIL," Director Comey said. ISIL is the Islamic group also known as ISIS. Comey said there have been no specific threats and he seemed more concerned about

sympathizers here in the United States than terrorists in Syria and Iraq. "It's something I worry about all day, every single day," he said. Reminder, September 11 is not that far away.

In Memoriam - Matt Wallace



We are saddened by the loss of our friend and Pilot in command, Matt Wallace. Matt was a former HEMS pilot with Rescue Air 1, Omniflight, and Air Methods in Georgia, who went down Tuesday doing what he loved in Tuscaloosa County Alabama while flying with an Alabama Power employee inspecting power lines. "Cheers Mateo." You'll be sorely missed.