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EMS Council makes Important Decisions at last Meeting

The Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council had several important issues that dominated the last meeting on July 25, 2013. The transportation committee recommended tabling the request to open the Paulding County Zone.

A Trauma Designation Committee was formed to develop a process for examining requests from Region 1 hospitals seeking trauma center designation. Once the process is developed the committee will apply it to evaluate Redmond Regional Medical Centers request for designation as a level 3 trauma center.

Two special called meetings upcoming

The transportation committee will meet on August 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the District 1.1 office located at 1309 Redmond Rd in Rome.

This meeting will be followed by a called meeting of the EMS Council to discuss two issues. The first is a consideration on whether to open the Paulding County Zone and the second is for an administrative change to the Region 1 zoning plan format to be held at Trinity Baptist

Church on September 17th at 10AM.

Larry "BIG O" Owens Announces Retirement



Larry "Big O" Owens, Director of Bartow County EMS has announced his retirement after 40 years of service. His retirement ceremony was held at Bartow County EMS Station 1 in Cartersville, Georgia on August 9, 2013. We will miss you Larry. Good fishing

Upcoming Advanced Stroke Life Support Instructor Course

An 8 hour Advanced Stroke Life Support instructor course is scheduled for October 19, 2013 at the EMS Educator Seminar in Savannah, Georgia. The ASLS instructor course requires all applicants to attend an ASLS provider course at least two years from the date of the instructor course and score at least 80% on the post test. An ASLS provider course will be taught at the same location on October 18, 2013. Visit

<http://ga-ems.com> for more information.

Mike Willingham Announces Resignation as Region 1 Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) Coordinator



Mike Willingham has announced his resignation as EMS Region 1 RTAC Coordinator to pursue career opportunities in the Fire Service. Thanks Mike for your contribution to the creation of the RTAC in Region 1.

RTAC Data Committee to Meet

The Northwest Georgia RTAC data committee will meet at Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Georgia on August 29, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please contact Chad Taylor at chtaylor@floyd.org if you are interested in serving on the committee

This committee will develop the data sets which the RTAC will use for evaluation and quality improvement to the regional plan.

Remote Stroke Centers Application Process and Site Visits to begin soon

The Georgia Department of Public Health has given permission to begin inspections of Remote Stroke Centers as a part of the designation procedure. The final edits of the application and site visit form are near completion and should be released this fall. These inspection will be handles through to Office of EMS and Trauma and Region OEMS offices.

Primary Stroke Centers have already received designations through a different mechanism involving Joint Commission inspection with recognition by the Office of EMS and Trauma.

Mental Health Transports by EMS Receives Attention by EMSDAC and OEMS

The increasing transport of Mental Health Patients by EMS Services will be examined by a special study committee established by the Office of EMS to increase EMS worker safety by examining training, pharmacologic intervention, protocols and the use of specialized vehicles.

Pediatric Symposium to be held in Dalton hosted by the Region 1 EMS for Children and Hamilton Medical Center

A Pediatric Symposium sponsored by Hamilton Medical Center and Georgia EMS-C will be held on August 28, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is free and lunch will be provided. Contact Scott Turnmire at 423-290-4712 or at sturnmire@hhcs.org to register.

EMT-I to AEMT Upgrade Course to be held in Rome

An EMT-I to AEMT Upgrade course will be held at AMTRAN Medical Transport in Rome, GA on Saturdays from 8:30 to 5:30 starting August 17 and ending September 14. The cost will be \$300 which includes the book. Contact Jenny Weatherby at 706-676-6868 to register.

Pediatric Ambulance Transport Taskforce to Meet

The Pediatric Ambulance Transport Task Force will meet at Redmond Regional Medical Center in Rome in classroom A on August 15, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Enter outpatient entrance, take elevator to LL, turn right and enter the second door on the left).

New Law Enables Contracts with Multiple Pharmacies

A new Georgia law prompted by nation-wide drug shortages has been passed enabling EMS Services to contract with multiple pharmacies.