

# AMBUGLANCES

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## EMS MEETINGS

### SCHEDULED FOR JULY

The Northwest Georgia EMS Council and the Northwest Georgia RTAC will meet on July 27, 2017 at Trinity Baptist Church located at 1170 Rome Road (Georgia Highway 53 South of Calhoun, Georgia). The following schedule will be followed:

- 9:00 a.m. EMS-C
- 10:00 a.m. RTAC
- 11:30 Lunch provided
- 12:00 EMS Council

## COUNTERFEIT PILLS ARE DANGER TO EMS

The Georgia Department of Public Health, Georgia Poison Control and The Georgia Bureau of Investigation are investigating a cluster of opioid deaths in middle Georgia since June 3, 2017 related to fake Percocet pills available on the street. The pills have been analyzed by the GBI crime lab and have been found to contain two synthetic opioids: cyclopropyl fentanyl and U-47700 which are extremely potent and may be inhaled or absorbed by EMS personnel who handle the pills, patient or immediate contaminated environment. The patients

may require larger than normal doses of Narcan to treat them. EMS personnel should protect themselves by wearing double gloving, gowns and N-95 masks. Also the crew should report to the ER suspected patients of this substance before arrival and the Georgia Poison Control Center should be notified at 1-800-222-1222.

## CHATTANOOGA HEROES RUN

Saturday July 15, 2017 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Naval Operational Support Center and Marine Corps Reserve Center located at 4051 Amnicola highway . A five mile run/walk followed by a block party at the Hubert Fry Center. For more information <http://www.chattheroesrun.com>

## BENEFIT RIDE FOR DARREN AND KELLI

A benefit motorcycle ride was scheduled for June 24, 2017 by Southern Devil Harley-Davidson of Cartersville, Georgia for Darren Vandegriff and Kelli Draper to assist them in paying medical bills. There was a lower than

expected attendance due to threats of rain.



In order to assist this effort, some of the door prizes that were not given at the event will be part of a door prize raffle at the location of the next EMS Council meeting during lunch. You may purchase tickets prior to the drawing for a chance to win the prizes. All money raised will go into the fund to assist these two with medical bills.

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## **INFECTIOUS DISEASE TRANSPORT NETWORK TRAINING IN THE REGION**

Ambucare EMS of Haralson County, Floyd EMS, Hamilton EMS and Metro Ambulance Service receive additional training in the management and transportation of patients with Infectious Diseases. These providers have been part of the IDTN T providers operating in EMS Region 1 since its inception by the state.

## **GEORGIA GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN**

Anyone may nominate a candidate for this award in either category: heroic actions or overwhelming contributions to the profession.

The act of heroism must have occurred within the previous fiscal year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 to qualify.

Contribution to Profession Award: Anyone nominated for this award should have a minimum of 25 years of service and be someone who has made a significant contribution to the betterment of their profession.

When submitting a nomination via the website a letter of support from the agency head, statewide association or statewide board should be uploaded with the supporting documents of the nomination. If one cannot be provided then the nomination cannot be accepted!

Please visit our website to complete the nomination form. The criteria can be found at <http://www.georgiagovernor.org>

[publicsafetyawards.org/selection-criteria/](http://www.georgiagovernor.org/publicsafetyawards.org/selection-criteria/).

1. Go to <http://www.georgiagovernor.org/publicsafetyawards.org/> and click on Submit a Nomination

2. You will be prompted to Create a New User (enter your information as the nominator) and create a password.

3. Fill out the New Nominee form-Click Save

4. Upload supporting documents related to the incident or contribution to profession, this must also include a letter of support from the agency head, statewide association or statewide board-Click Add Files

5. Upload Supporting documentation and Click Save

***The deadline for submission of nominations is Wednesday, August 9, 2017.***