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## **IMPORTANT STROKE MEETING FOR EMS**

The next phase of the Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry collaboration with EMS in Georgia is a workshop to be held in Gainesville, Georgia on Thursday, August 16, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in the Walters Auditorium. It is important to have representation from each Georgia EMS Service. Please e-mail the following information to [kkrompf@emory.edu](mailto:kkrompf@emory.edu) or call 770-380-8989: full name, role, phone number, hospital or EMS and e-mail address.

## **NEXT EMS COUNCIL MEETING NEARS**

The next regularly scheduled Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council meeting will be held in Ellijay, Georgia on July 26, 2012 beginning at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be preceded by an Executive Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m. Both meetings will be held at the North Georgia Community Center located at 824 Industrial Boulevard in Ellijay, Georgia.

## **RELICENSURE DEADLINE ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30**

The re-licensure deadline for all EMS personnel ends on September 30, 2012. All personnel must complete all

requirements, submit fee and form to the Office of EMS by the deadline. See the Georgia Office of EMS website for complete information at <http://ems.ga.gov>

## **FORMER ROME FIRE CHIEF BOBBIE MCKENZIE OBITUARY**



Bobbie McKenzie died on Tuesday; he retired from his position as chief of the Rome Fire Department in 2008 after working for the department for 33 years first in the training department and later as the chief from 1990 to his retirement.

## **NEW DATE FOR TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING**

The Northwest Georgia Region 1 Regional Trauma Advisory Committee stakeholders meeting will be held on August 17, 2012 at the Trinity Baptist Church on highway 53 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to seek input on the creation of a regional trauma plan for EMS Region 1 and the membership

of RTAC. The RTAC steering committee of the northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Council has been working on a draft of this plan for the past several months. For more information, contact David Foster at [dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us)

## **COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CENTER BY JOINT COMMISSION**

The Joint Commission will have a teleconference on July 17, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. to discuss the new standards of certifying comprehensive stroke centers. The number is 1-866-710-0179 with passcode 75838. Applications will be received beginning on July 17 and inspections will begin on July 23, 2012. See more at [http://www.jointcommission.org/certification/advanced\\_certification\\_comprehensive\\_stroke\\_centers.aspx](http://www.jointcommission.org/certification/advanced_certification_comprehensive_stroke_centers.aspx)

## **EMS EDUCATOR CONFERENCE NEWS**

The Georgia EMS Educator Conference will be held again this year in Savannah at the Marriott Savannah Riverfront Hotel from September 22-25, 2012. The conference will have pre-hospital and educator tracks as well as pre-conference courses from September 22-23. For more information, visit the Georgia Association of EMS at <http://www.ga-ems.com/>

## **GEORGIA EMS ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS**

The Georgia EMS Association has announced a call for nominations for officers including presidents of all divisions. The divisions are providers, educators, directors and medical directors. The nominations also include vice president of the medical director division and two (2) at-large board members. Anyone interested must submit their nomination to Kelly Joiner at Georgia Association of EMS, P.O. Box 4626, Macon Georgia 31208 or by e-mailing it to [joiner.kelly@mccg.org](mailto:joiner.kelly@mccg.org) by July 23, 2012. The nomination must include name, current address, phone number, e-mail address and a brief work history.

## **DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ACCREDITATION**

The deadline for Paramedic education program accreditation is quickly approaching - January 1, 2013.

To be eligible for National EMS Certification at the Paramedic level, students who begin their education on or after January 1, 2013 must be enrolled in a Paramedic Education program that is CAAHEP accredited or hold a Letter of Review issued by the CoAEMSP. If you need additional assistance or information regarding accreditation, please contact the CoAEMSP ([www.coaemsp.org](http://www.coaemsp.org))

## **DRINKING AND DRIVING PROGRAM**

On August 3rd at 4pm at the Rockdale Career Academy, in Conyers, Georgia Piedmont Technical College's Law Enforcement Academy presents Chris Sandy and Eric Krug's inspirational and educational speech, concerning the effects of drinking and driving both from an offender's, and victim's, point of view. This message may well save a life as it brings such a strong lesson about the choices one can make about the importance of not drinking and driving.

For further information on these speakers please go to <http://enduringregret.org>

The event is free to the public.

## **GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BEGINS STATEWIDE SERVICE**

The Georgia Trauma Communications Center (TCC) began taking calls from EMS and Hospitals in EMS Regions 5 and 6 on January 21, 2012. To date we have received calls from EMS and Hospitals for over 300 trauma patients. We are currently expanding our operations and will be available to receive calls from EMS and Hospital providers across the state beginning July 1st. Visit the Northwest Georgia EMS website for more details at <http://www.nwgaems.org>