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ALL EMS REGION 1 MEETINGS TO BE CENTRALIZED IN CALHOUN

Beginning in January, 2013 all regularly scheduled meetings for EMS Region 1 will be centralized at the Trinity Baptist Church on Georgia Highway 53 just south of Calhoun, Georgia. The meeting schedule for 2013 is as follows:

January 24, 2013
April 18, 2013 (changed)
July 25, 2013
October 24, 2013

The meeting schedule will be as follows:

10-1130 - RTAC
11-1130 -Executive Committee
1130 - 12 Meal
12 – 2 EMS Council
Immediately following the council meeting - 501C3 Council

This schedule will begin on January 24, 2013. This change is to decrease expenses for those attending.

ADVANCED STROKE LIFE SUPPORT INSTRUCTOR COURSE SCHEDULED

The long awaited Advanced Stroke Life Support Instructor course will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at the American Heart Association Office at 1101 Northchase Parkway, SE #1 in Marietta. A \$100 entrance fee must be included but will be refunded upon completion of the course. Each student must first complete an ASLS provider course before the instructor course date. Visit the Region 1 EMS Website for full details on the courses and registration process. **Only 25 slots are available.**

EMAG CONFERENCE NEWS

The annual EMAG conference is scheduled for April 24-26 in Savannah at the International Trade and Convention Center. More information can be found at www.emagonline.com or contact Matthew Crumpton at 404-463-5568. Sponsorships to attend the conference will again be available.

SEDATION ASSISTED INTUBATION GUIDELINES NOW AVAILABLE

In response to frequent requests to EMSMDAC and the State Office of EMS and Trauma for clarification regarding use of paralytics and/or induction agents in the field to facilitate endotracheal intubation, a subcommittee of EMSMDAC has developed a best-practices guideline. This guideline was unanimously accepted by EMSMDAC on October 23, 2012. The guideline document has been posted on the Region 1 website on the news page. Please direct comments or questions to Dr. Robert Cox, EMSMDAC Chair (rjcox@aol.com) or Dr. Jill Mabley, deputy medical director, Office of EMS and Trauma (jmabley@dhr.state.ga.us).

RTAC DOCUMENT SUBMITTED

The EMS Region 1 Regional Trauma Plan was submitted to the Georgia Trauma Commission for approval after it was approved at the last RTAC stakeholder meeting. The members of the EMS Region 1 Regional Trauma Advisory Council were also named at this meeting. The chairman is Billy Hayes, Vice chair is Scott Radeker and the

RTAC Coordinator is Mike Willingham. The first official meeting of the RTAC for EMS Region 1 will be in Calhoun on January 24, 2013 at the Trinity Baptist Church.

AMBULANCE BOOTED WHILE ON EMERGENCY CALL

One generally assumes that an ambulance with its lights flashing can park wherever it pleases. This past weekend in New Orleans, a parked ambulance was "booted" by a convenience store employee, who was apparently annoyed that the ambulance had parked in his store's lot. Never mind that the paramedics were treating a man inside the store. That employee has since been fired.

According to a report from WWLTV.com, the paramedics put the patient in the back of the ambulance and began to drive away when the vehicle came to a sudden stop. The medics saw that someone had put a boot on their vehicle. When a store employee finally removed the boot, the tire was flat. The paramedics had to call for backup while the man with chest pains waited in the back.

Jeb Tate, spokesman for New Orleans Emergency Medical Services, said, "We actually had to delay that patient's care by calling another ambulance out here to come transport this patient."

Now, a few days later, WWLTV.com reports that the convenience store employee has been fired and issued a citation

by the New Orleans Police Department for simple criminal damage to property. According to the police report, the man, claimed that he didn't know that the vehicle was an ambulance and doesn't speak English.



ERNIE DOSS NAMED AS EMS REGION VI PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Ernie Doss has been named as the EMS Region VI Program Director (Augusta) to replace Lawanna Mercer-Cobb. Ernie has been a paramedic and EMS Director. He has worked for Rural Metro and Gold Cross EMS in the Augusta area. He served on the EMSAC and the Region VI EMS Regional Council. You can contact him at 706-667-4336 or by e-mail at erdoss@dhr.state.ga.us. Welcome Ernie.

TRANSPORTING GEORGIA'S SPECIAL CHILDREN TRAINING

A special training session on transporting Georgia's Special Children Safely will be held in Macon Georgia on Thursday, January 17, 2013. The course is designed to provide the latest information on child restraint

devices designed to safely transport special needs children. The application deadline is December 27, 2012 and is limited to healthcare providers, therapists, child health staff and CPST who work with children with special health needs. The course will be at the Medical Center of Central Georgia. The training will be from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. There is a \$4 parking fee but the course is free. See the training page of the Region 1 website for registration information.

DINOSAURS OF EMS?

What is a dinosaur of EMS? The answer is obvious to new EMS personnel. It is EMTs and Paramedics who have been around since the Stone Age. A group of seasoned EMS personnel have now proudly adopted the name and even have a facebook page. You can see this page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dinosaurs-of-EMS/179288918773453>