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**2015 Georgia EMS Awards  
Recipient from the 2015 State  
Banquet held May 11, 2015**

**Chairman's Award** – Lanier Swafford and Brandon Fletcher;  
**Legislator Award** – Representative Larry "Butch" Parrish;

**Dr. Joe Simon Pediatric Call of the Year** – Lisa Gunn and Candice Weathers;

**Joe Lane Cox Award** – Jason Gray;

**Tim Peebles Champion of Children Award** – Kim Bullock Gaines;

**Mary Beth Gowns Trauma Call of the Year Award** – Gold Cross EMS of Jefferson County;

**Dr. Jeb Burrell Award** – Dr. Alexander Isakov of Emory;

**Dr. John B. O'Neal EMS Pioneer Award** – Alver Horton Jr.;

**Dr. Charles B. Gillespie EMS Medical Director Award** – Dr. Paul Nassour;

**EMS Director of the Year** – Paul Beamon of Spaulding EMS;

**EMS Educator of the Year**- Will Pitt of Walker County Fire and Emergency Services; **Georgia EMT of the Year** – Brad Cochran of Bartow County EMS;

**Georgia EMS Service of the Year** – Puckett EMS.



Dr. Paul Nassour – 2015 Dr. Charles B. Gillespie EMS Medical Director of the Year



Will Pitt of Walker County Fire and Emergency Services - EMS Educator of the Year



Brad Cochran of Bartow County EMS – Georgia EMT of the Year with Mrs. Paul Nassour

**Erlanger Recognizes EMS  
Award Winners from the Tri-  
State Area**



Erlanger Medical Center recognized the Regional and State Award winners from Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee at a ceremony in the Lifeforce hanger on May 19.

## EMS Week 2015 Activities

Thank you to all the agencies that held EMS Week activities. David Foster was able to attend the festivities throughout the week with Floyd EMS, Gordon EMS, Carterville Medical Center and Erlanger and Angel EMS.

## Region 1 EMS 2016 Awards Banquet Committee

The planning committee for the 2016 Region 1 EMS Awards Banquet has been named. They are co-chairs Lana Duff and Sherry Peace, Robert Early, Dan Swietzer and Tommy Sanders. The event is scheduled for March 10, 2016 in Rome at the Forum

## NW GA EMS D.A.R.T. Update

We have received all the soft supplies, bags, and vest. We have 22 of 83 helmets in, and have placed the order for the radios. We also have all the unit signs and helmet decals completed, and will pick them up in the next few weeks. We still have a few small items, such as required paperwork that will be in each bags clipboard, helmet lamps, and other minor items to complete. We hope to be able to pack all the bags and have the ready to go out by the July council meeting.

Before the bags are issued to the services, David Foster will be sending out the MOU to be signed by the services responsible agent. Once this received at the service, please carefully review the criteria and responsibilities. Once reviewed, sign and return a scanned copy to David and then when your bags are issued he will need the signed Original Copy to get either the District DPH Administrators or NW GA EMS Systems Inc. Chairpersons signature depending on which funding source your equipment came from as required by our grants and inventory accountability.

The Education Committee meet May 28th and is almost finished with the course materials. We have the course outline completed, the syllabus and session modules are 90% plus complete. We are awaiting confirmation of our dates for

the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville for the first class to be held in July. Once confirmed, we will send out registration information. The course is 16hrs. we plan to conduct these course on one day each week so as to hold them on the same shift day.

We must have 50 registrants for each course, and are working on some possible items that attends will receive. We will look at late September - October for the second class so do not put off attending if your shift is off both class days in July.

David Foster expresses his sincere thanks to the members of the Leadership Team and all the sub-committees that have worked so diligently to bring this taskforce from a dream 4 years ago, to a one of kind - All Hazards EMS Disaster Taskforce. The last 16 months have been exhausting, and we are not fully functional yet, but we are so close, we could activate the teams today if we needed to.

## Region 1 EMS Educators Update

The update for licensed educators will be held at Georgia Northwestern Technical College Gordon County Campus on June 11, 2015 from 0830 -1600 hrs.

All Lead Instructors, Program Directors and Clinical Coordinators of an Initial Education facility are required

to attend the morning session as we will be doing a statewide pilot on students using GEMSIS to enter all their pre-hospital clinical contacts.

If you have not sent in your registration yet, make sure to send it in to David Foster by 4P Friday June 5th.

## Dr. Patrick McDougal Resigns as Region 1 EMS Medical Director



Dr. Patrick McDougal has resigned as the Region 1 EMS Medical Director. He has served in the role for 4 years and is leaving to take a position at another facility outside the region. Dr. Jill Mabley will be serving as the interim EMS Region 1 Medical Director, while David Foster, Dr. Mabley and Dr. O'Neal seek a replacement.. We thank Dr. McDougal for his service.

## GEMSIS Day at GPSTC

On Wednesday, June 10th, all EMS Agencies need to send a representative to GPSTC to attend the Statewide GEMSIS Meeting. During this meeting attendee's will hear about what the State GEMSIS Committee has been working and how we will move forward with the future of GEMSIS. Directors and their staff that deal with

GEMIS administration need to plan to attend. The meeting starts at 8A.