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## **THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED**

The next meeting of the Northwest Georgia Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council is scheduled for July 25, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church at 1170 Rome Road (Georgia Highway 53) south of Calhoun. The following is a scheduled start time for all meetings:

EMS-C - 0900  
RTAC - 1000  
LUNCH 1130  
Region 1 Council - 1200  
NW GA EMS Systems Inc 1400  
Adjourn all meetings 15:30

## **NORTHWEST GEORGIA EMS EDUCATOR UPDATE**

The summer session of the Northwest Georgia EMS Educator update will be held on June 27, 2013 at the Pickens County EOC in Jasper, Georgia. Contact David Foster at [dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:dtfoster@dhr.state.ga.us) to register.

## **THREE INSTRUCTOR COURSES IN ONE**

A three in one instructor course will be held on July 19-20, 2013 at Georgia Public Safety Training

Center in Forsyth, Georgia. The course will include PHTLS, EPC and AMLS instructor courses. If interested contact Nita Ham at [ham.nita.j@gmail.com](mailto:ham.nita.j@gmail.com)

## **NORTHWEST GEORGIA EMS IS NOW ON FACEBOOK**

Northwest Georgia EMS Systems Inc is now on facebook. You can access the page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NWGAEMSSystems/> The page is designed to communicate with EMS professionals in Georgia EMS Region 1 to provide information on training and communicate in disaster situations.

## **ADVANCED STROKE LIFE SUPPORT COURSE**

An Advanced Stroke Life Support provider course for EMS educators will be held at Floyd Medical Center EMS in Rome on July 18, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This course is to prepare instructor candidates to meet requirements to attend the ASLS Instructor program scheduled in October at the EMS Educator Seminar in Savannah, Georgia. The instructor course requires all applicants to attend a provider course at least two years from the date of the instructor course. To register for

the course contact [rpierson@fmc.org](mailto:rpierson@fmc.org) or [loftindavid@yahoo.com](mailto:loftindavid@yahoo.com) by July 15, 2013.

## **EMS EDUCATOR CONFERENCE NEARS**

The 2003 Georgia EMS Educator Conference will be held in Savannah, Georgia at the Marriott on River Street beginning on October 19 and ending on October 22, 2013. This conference will include the ASLS Instructor course as a pre-conference. Visit the Georgia EMS Association website for more information at <http://ga-ems.com/index.cfm>

## **SMOKING ALCOHOL FAD**

The television program *Today* presented a program on a new teen fad of inhaling ethanol instead of ingesting it. The procedure involves a large bottle such as a one-liter plastic coke bottle and a pump. The alcohol is added to the bottle and the bottle is pressurized by the pump. When the pump is removed then the alcohol mist is inhaled. This results in instant intoxication and is potentially dangerous because it may result in death by alcohol poisoning or resulting auto accidents.

## TWO COFFEE COUNTY EMTS DIE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Pictured above are Randall Whiddon and Elizabeth Rose Harrell who were killed in an auto accident involving an ambulance and a jackknifing tractor trailer truck in Irwin County. Are thoughts are with their family and co-workers. Let's be careful out there. Georgia has established a face book page for EMS obituaries. The EMS Memorial site can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/157514797671979/>



## FINAL APPROVAL NEARS FOR FLOYD COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM

The last step in the installation and approval of the public safety radio system installed in Floyd County is final approval of the system by the county. The county representatives appear well-pleased with the installed system of 800 trucking and are also working with Polk County, Georgia to make certain the systems can connect so that all public safety personnel can communicate with systems in both Floyd and Polk Counties. Similar systems already exist in Dade, Walker and Catoosa counties as well as counties south of Polk County.