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THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2014 NORTHWEST GEORGIA EMS AWARDS BANQUET

Over 230 people attended the 2014 Northwest Georgia EMS Awards Banquet on March 13, 2014 at the Salem Baptist Church in Dalton, Georgia. The following persons and agencies received awards: Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services was named 2014 EMS Service of the Year. Ryan Holden – EMT of the Year; Brian Irish – Danny Hall Memorial Medic of the Year; Karen Robinson – Stanley Payne Memorial

EMS Director of the Year; Sherry Peace – Mike Miller Memorial EMS Educator of the Year; Rick Cobb – Dr. James H. Creel Jr. EMS Pioneer; Dr. Jill Mabley – Dr. Virginia Hamilton Special Achievement Award; Randy Pierson – EMS Region 1 Person of the Year (The One); Lifetime Achievement Award – Sam Clark; Region 1 Honor Guard – Special Recognition; Darren Vandegriff, Shannon Prater, Jordan Pierson and Jennifer Kilgore of Floyd Medical Center EMS – David Loftin Pediatric Call of the Year; Jeff Jones and Kyle Gross of Puckett EMS – Dr. A Richard

Gray Excellence in Trauma Award.

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SAM CUNNINGHAM ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Sam Cunningham, EMS Program Director for Georgia Region 7 in Columbus, Georgia, has announced his retirement at the EMS Region 7 Awards Banquet. Sam also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Region 7. Sam has been the program director for Regions 10 and 7 as well as a former director for the Georgia Office of EMS. He has been the driving force behind many of the EMS initiatives over the years including the annual Georgia EMS Awards Banquet. We will miss you Sam. Both Region 7 and Region 6 will not be recruiting program directors.

2014 GEORGIA EMS AWARDS BANQUET SCHEDULED FOR MAY 22

The 2014 Georgia EMS Awards Banquet is scheduled for May 22, 2014 at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia. Please make plans to attend and nominate someone for the awards. The nomination forms will be available soon.

ASLS INSTRUCTOR COURSE TO BE HELD IN ROME

Applications are now available to attend an Advanced Stroke Life Support Instructor course to be held at Floyd Medical Center EMS on May 7, 2014. You must have attended an ASLS Provider course within the last 2 years (provider courses are available in April) and scored 85% or greater on the post test. Contact Randy Pierson or David Loftin for more information.



NEW PAULDING COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER TO OPEN ON APRIL 1, 2014

The new eight-floor, 295,000-square foot hospital will open with 56 beds, with the ability to expand to 112 beds. The facility will house 40 emergency exam and pediatric emergency exam rooms, four surgical suites, decentralized nursing stations, private inpatient rooms, administrative offices and a café. Congratulations to the administration and staff of Paulding Medical Center.

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING CHANGED TO MAY 1, 2014.

The April 24th EMS-C, RTAC, Council and NWGA EMS Systems meeting have been rescheduled to Thursday May 1st due to a large number of members attending the EMAG Conference in Savannah on April 23-25.

Below is when each group will meet

EMS-C - 9A

RTAC - 10A

Lunch 1130

Region 1 Council 12N

**NWGA EMS Systems Inc -
immediately after Council mtg.**