



Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority
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Providing professional health care and support services while maintaining a standard of excellence.



LEGISLATIVE VICTORY

Board Member and County Commissioner Kent Carper and Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority employees are celebrating their legislative accomplishments. Two bills, H.B. 2717 and H.B. 2801 have passed both houses of the legislature and have been communicated to the Governor. Preparations are now being made for a Bill Signing Ceremony with Governor Joe Manchin III.



H.B. 2717 was introduced by Delegates Stalnaker, Amores, Craig and Spencer on January 30. This bill **enacts a retirement system for Emergency Medical Services Personnel**. The House of Delegates referred it to the Pensions & Retirement Committee and second referenced it to the House Finance Committee. After passing through these committees, it was sent to the House of Delegates for a vote on February 22 where it was read on three consecutive days before winning passage. It was then sent to the Senate where it was referred to the Pensions Committee. After passing the Pensions Committee, it was sent to the powerful Senate Finance Committee. On March 8, the Senate Finance committee unanimously passed this bill and sent it to the Senate floor for a vote. The Senate took the extraordinary action of suspending the rules that a bill be read on three separate days and passed the bill unanimously that day.



H.B. 2801 originated in the House Committee on Finance and was introduced by Delegates Moye, Mahan, Kessler and Sumner on February 1. This bill **provides a fifty thousand dollar death benefit to the families of firefighters and EMS personnel who are killed in the line of duty**. After passing the House Finance Committee, the bill was sent to the House of Delegates where it passed on February 14 and was sent to the Senate. The Senate Finance Committee passed this bill on March 6 and sent it to the Senate floor. The Senate amended the bill, passed it on March 9 and sent it back to the House asking that they concur with the Senate changes. The House of Delegates agreed to the Senate changes on March 10, the last day of the Legislative session.



Senate Memorial Resolution On March 8, the WV Senate unanimously adjourned in the middle of the day to invite Gary, Madeline and Cayden Davis and Tennille's family and friends to enter the Senate chambers as the Senate passed a Resolution **memorializing the life of Tennille Annette Davis**. While the resolution was signed by every member of the WV Senate, this tribute was spearheaded by Senator Erik Wells. Board Member and Commissioner Kent Carper and KCEAA personnel were present, both on the floor and in the galleries, to show our support for Gary, the kids, and each other.



LINDA BAILEY HONORED

KCEAA held a Celebration Party for Linda Bailey to honor her December retirement and many years of service.

Linda Bailey is considered to be the Matriarch of EMS for West Virginia. She has pioneered EMS in our state and her qualifications are as long as any Emergency Services Provider in the country. She has been involved in virtually every aspect of emergency medicine.

She has trained hundreds of paramedics, EMT's and First Responders across our region. She has served on committees such as WV State Fire and

EMS competition, Sheriff Youth Leadership, EMS Safety and Health and International Auto Extrication. She has served as an advisor and "Mom" for thousands of EMS providers all over the state.

Linda retired Dec 31, 2006 and is now in the role of loving wife, mother and grandma. She is the icon that represents the dignity and professionalism of EMS in the State of West Virginia.

KCEAA would like to recognize Linda Bailey in honor of EMS workers everywhere.



Linda was also honored at the annual Blue Mass. The Knights of Columbus, in Association with Saint Francis of Assisi Holy Catholic Church in Saint Albans, selected Linda to receive the Distinguished Community Service Award for Emergency Medical Officer for 2007.

The Blue Mass is a special time where those in emergency services are lifted to the Lord in Prayer

and Supplication. Following the service, a dinner was held to honor Linda and her colleagues for their work and sacrifice to our community.

KCEAA congratulates Linda as the winner of the 2007 Distinguished Community Service Award.

Best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

SHANE DELLINGER RECEIVES AWARD

Christopher Shane Dellinger was awarded the State of West Virginia Certificate of Achievement by Governor Joe Manchin III. The award was presented in recognition of his outstanding contributions as a paramedic, law enforcement officer, and emergency medical services instructor.

Presented in February, the certificate recognized him as a man of superlative character and a remarkable West Virginian.

KCEAA applauds Shane Dellinger for his achievement.

FREE SEMINAR SCHEDULED MARCH 31

Chaplain Mike Jarrett has announced an Emergency Services Funeral Seminar to be held in the KCEAA Auditorium on Saturday, March 31, 8-5 pm.

This seminar is geared toward officers, chaplains and individuals involved in EMS, Fire or Law Enforcement funeral preparation or coordination.

Trainers are Bartlett-Burdette-Cox Funeral Home Director Richard Bishoff and the KCEAA Chaplain Corp. Call Mike at 345-2312 x123.

KCEAA WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES



EMS Providers:

1st Row - Eric Harbour, Darren Johnson, Teresa Reyes
2nd Row - Todd Southall, Chuck Adkins, Jeff White, Peter Burgeson

Custodians:

Brenda and Stephen Rader



KCEAA "RINGS THE BELLS"

Captain Lewis R. Reckline, Charleston Area Commander of the Salvation Army, would like to thank KCEAA for "Ringing the Bells"

during the Christmas Season. We raised over \$350 to help families in need have a wonderful Christmas. **Congratulations!**

KCEAA SUPPORTS MS SOCIETY



The West Virginia Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society held an Awareness Day Friday, March 9th at the Charleston Town Center Mall. Once again, KCEAA was there to support the MS society.

Our own LaRae Lynnville was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis about two years ago. She knew something was wrong. "They told me it was probably carpal tunnel syndrome, but I just knew that there was more to it." Her persis-



tence paid off with early detection. Last year, LaRae became a spokesperson for MS locally.

KCEAA honors LaRae for meeting this challenge with such grace and courage.

The annual MS Walk will be April 21st at Columbia Gas.

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CUBS FOR KC KIDS

Being a patient in an ambulance is stressful. But being a sick or injured child in an ambulance can be very frightening for that child.

Comforting those children became a service project for the members of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority (Chi Master Chapter). Their eleven members, led by Patty Bruce, purchased 52 stuffed teddy bears to be placed in KCEAA ambulances for pediatric patients.

Justin Teel, an EMT on KM 297, was very pleased to receive the bears. "Little things like this are perfect to break the barrier to the child and let us become their friend".



Beta Sigma Phi 2007 Service Projects also include breast cancer research donations, donations and toiletries for women's abuse centers, toys at Christmas for Heart and Hand and baby showers.

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thanks **Beta Sigma Phi Sorority (Chi Master Chapter)** for aiding us in comforting and caring for sick and injured children.

