

## **New Addition to Kanawha County Ambulance Fleet** **“K C THE AMBULANCE”**

The efforts of KCEAA Community Relations Team members Thurman Williams and Gary Davis have provided the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority the newest member of its fleet. “K C the Ambulance”. “K C the Ambulance” is an animated, miniature ambulance that serves as an interactive teaching device that will further promote our health and safety programs.



The seven year project of the KCEAA Community Relations Team has become reality thanks to the generosity of the local chemical industry and other private contributions. Among the programs KCEAA presents to schools and other youth groups are "Should I call an ambulance", "What to do until help arrives" and "Teaching your child to call 911". "Sometimes getting the kids attention is necessary before we can get our message out. "K C" is a great attention-getter," Thurman said. "K C" talks and moves and his eyes light up and roll around, all by remote control so that the operator can be out of the children's line of vision. Kids are fascinated and will listen to "K C". "He's not just some grown-up like me," Thurman said. Gary Davis says that "We can take "K C" into schools and such events as health and wellness fairs." "If a child is in the pediatrics unit for a period of time, maybe we'll take "KC" up there so he can become the patient's "special friend".

Beginning next week area youngsters--and their parents and grandparents--will see “K C” out in the Valley.

“K C” is available for many groups, elementary schools, day care centers or various community events and will happily entertain children and adults of all ages.

Just call our office at 345-2312 Ext. 170, ask for Thurman and he will be glad to help.

"K C the Ambulance" is just one of the many community education programs conducted by Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority. We can talk with your groups about many subjects, our Community Relations and Education program provides information from accessing EMS to health and safety issues.



**KCEAA Safety Tip**

In spite of the calm weather that we have had, severe weather could come upon us quickly. Before that big heavy snow storm hits, have your car tuned up, check the level of antifreeze, make sure the battery is good, and check your tire tread or put on snow tires.

- Keep emergency gear in your car for everyday trips: cell phone, flashlight, jumper cables, sand or kitty litter (for traction), ice scraper, snow brush, and small shovel, blankets, warning devices (e.g., flares, reflectors)
- For long car trips, keep food, water, extra blankets, and required medication on hand.
- Avoid driving in snow or ice storms. If you must travel in bad weather, drive slowly. Let someone know what route you're taking and when you plan to arrive so they can alert authorities if you don't get there.
- If your car is parked outside, make sure the exhaust pipe and the area around it are free of snow before you start the car. Snow packed in or around the exhaust pipe can cause high levels of carbon monoxide within the car.
- Don't sit in a parked car with the engine running unless a window is open. Do not let your car run while parked in a garage.
- If your car stalls or gets stuck in snow, light two flares and place one at each end of the car, a safe distance away. Make sure snow has not blocked the exhaust pipe. Then stay in your vehicle and open a window slightly to let in fresh air. Wrap yourself in blankets and run your vehicle's heater for a few minutes every hour to keep warm.



**KCEAA Educational Offerings  
February 2005**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
EMT-B Review	4th	0900-1700
BTLS Recert	11th and 12th	0900-1700
Basic EKC	19th	0900-1200
Public CPR	24th	1730

**Critical Care Transport Class in March**

Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority will be sponsoring a Critical Care Transport Class beginning Thursday, March 2nd, 2006 to run for 10 consecutive weeks and will end on Thursday, May 4th.

For more information please contact:  
Kim Johnson at 304-345-2312 Ext 119

or  
application and syllabus can be found at  
[www.kceaa.org](http://www.kceaa.org)

REMINDER

National Registry EMT Registration  
**DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2006**

If you need assistance in filling out your registration forms, contact the education department no later than March 14th. Documentation of continuing education out side KCEAA must be copied and brought to the education department when completing the forms.

If you have any questions, please contact :  
EMT—Linda Bailey Ext. 117  
MEDIC—James Roat Ext. 124

A very big congratulations to the following for successfully passing the WVOEMS CCT written and practical exam/stations!!!! A job very well done!!!!

- Stephanie Battlo
- Kevin Bess
- Lorrie Lewis
- Rich Meadows
- James Roat
- Dave Strickland
- Tommy Bibb
- Matt Bias
- Brian Mace
- Nick Painter
- Mark Stokes

**Congratulations to Jason Triplett  
for passing his NREMT—way to go Jason !**

KCEAA Education Department trained  
71 First Responders last month in OB-GYN



**FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
“REFLECTING BACK—LOOKING FORWARD”**



Horville had a very humble job in a certain company, a job in the lowest basement of a building. He was a mailroom clerk. As mailroom clerk, there was no one who was lower than he was. One day he came across a bug scurrying across the floor. Horville may have the lowliest job in the whole

company, but he was bigger than the bug! So he raised his foot to flatten the hapless bug.

But this story is a fable, and the bug speaks. "Spare me," said the bug, "and I will grant you your fondest wishes." Horville spared the bug. His reward: a wish. "I wish to be promoted to the second floor." And his wish was granted. Zap! He found himself working on the second floor. But wait. Horville heard footsteps on the ceiling of floor number two. A higher level meant higher wages.

The next day, Horville rose to the third floor job of sales coordinator. But that didn't end his ambition. He wished for still more promotions. He went to the tenth floor, then to the twentieth--the fiftieth--the seventieth. Still he was not satisfied. Horville was sitting by the indoor pool on floor ninety-six, when he discovered a stairway leading up...to another floor? He scrambled up the stairs, and found himself on the roof. At last, he was the highest, the greatest. Finally content, he headed for the down stairway, when he came across a boy on the edge of the building with his eyes closed.

"What are you doing?" asked Horville.

"Praying," whispered the boy.

"To whom?"

The boy pointed a finger skyward, and replied, "To God."

Panic gripped Horville. Was there a floor above him? He couldn't see it, and he couldn't hear any footsteps shuffling around up there. Just clouds. "Do you mean that there's somebody above me? Someone greater than I?"

"Yes," said the boy.

The bug was promptly summoned. "Make me God. Make me the greatest. Put me in the type of position that only God would hold if He were on earth."

The very next day, Horville began work in the basement as a mailroom clerk.

**Back in the day...**



**"Employee Spotlight"**



**Jonathan Evans EMT-P  
Clendenin KM-19**



Jonathan has been in EMS since his college days at Marshall where he worked as an EMT on the University Ambulance. Jonathan graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He has since gone on to be a paramedic for the last two years.

In his spare time he enjoys participating in historic re-enacting in the Revolutionary War Era. Jonathan's role is that of "Science Officer", where he is a naturalist, similar to the role that Lewis and Clark had in their expedition.

Jonathan has recently been appointed Youth Director at Dunbar Mountain Mission. He ministers to about 30 teens where they enjoy many outdoor activities. But he says the most rewarding part of the ministry is when he and his group go out into the community to perform work details for the less fortunate.

Jonathan and his wife Jodi live in Dunbar with their special dog "Precious". Jonathan states that "This job keeps my attention and fits my pace of life". This is very evident in the positive attitude that he portrays and the quality care that he gives to his patients.



**Congratulations**

**Ms. Tammy Hatton**

**2005 Recipient of the  
Annual KCEAA  
Board of Directors  
Gary King Award**

