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Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority Celebrates National EMS Week 2006 May 14 through May 20



This year, we celebrate National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week by honoring the dedication of our EMS providers who make available the day-to-day lifesaving services of emergency medicine. The brave men and women who serve as EMS providers are often first on the scene of a disaster, a motor vehicle crash, a house fire, or other event - making them our community's front line response. We take this time to honor our EMS providers for often going above and beyond the call of duty to save lives, while risking their own.

From the start, EMS had a simple mission. **To save lives of sick or injured people in emergency situations.** This may seem simple, but EMS and its unique history in both health care and public safety, is much more complex. It was born in the United States of several influential parents - traffic safety, trauma care, cardiology, resuscitation science and military medicine - and it continues to cross the boundaries of numerous disciplines, including health care, medical transportation, public health and homeland security.

Man-made and natural disasters in recent years also have changed the role of EMS, which today is expected to provide immediate emergency medical response and patient transport to large numbers of affected patients following a disaster. In the end, EMS defies simple explanation, both historically and today. EMS is out-of-hospital patient care. EMS is ambulance transport. EMS is an extension of emergency medicine and an arm of public health. EMS is a safety net. EMS is prevention. EMS is first response and public safety. In fact, EMS plays all of these roles, making it truly worthy of the moniker: **"America's Front Line of Health Care"**



CAMC Memorial Hospital Picnic for EMS crews



WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Front Row—Kim Craft, Sherry Cooper, Christopher Dellinger, Susan Lawrence
 Middle Row—Matt Kessler, Karrie Reed, DJ Ennis, Zac McGinnis, Patrick Clark, Derrick Ellison
 Back Row—Nathan Portz, Tiana Smith, Nathan Clendenin, Jeremy Barnett, Angela Stevenson, Darrell Murphy

It's a Girl!

Anthony and Stacy Scott are the proud parents of Audrey Grace Scott born May 31. She weighs 8 pounds 1 ounce.

It's a Boy!

A new Kanawha Countian was delivered in the back of a KCEAA ambulance May 31.

KM158 (Mike Shafer, Virginia White) picked up their patient and while enroute to the hospital, met up with KM129 (Robert Brandon, Kim Shanklin) and while passing the Capitol, or somewhere close by, delivered a bouncing baby boy.

We celebrated the passage of our levy at the May Board Meeting



County Commission President
 Kent Carper and KCEAA
 Board President Dave Fletcher



Jama Burton from the
 Charleston Area Alliance



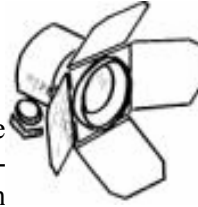
Missy brought David
 in last week.
 His middle name is
 "Esber" from his
 fathers lineage.
 What a beautiful
 name!



Back in the Day

239 Chaplain?

**Employee Spotlight
Angelea & Kevin Lovejoy**



Angelea and Kevin Lovejoy met while working here and were married about three years ago. They currently work together on KM 608. The Lovejoys live in Lincoln county and have three children; Steven, Joshua and Amanda. Kevin worked previously with Duval and Lincoln EMS.

Working a transport truck gives them the opportunity to get to know their patients a little bit. One of the things they provide for patients is playing DVD's for them on long trips. Angelea says "the movies actually calm many of the young adults as well as the children we transport to out of town medical facilities and rehab centers".

"Actually, we got the idea from our children on a beach trip." "The kids were watching a video and mentioned that it may be a nice thing for our patients as well", says Kevin. They put the idea in motion and it has become one of the many signature ways our crews provide unique and personal care to those they provide for.



Chaplains Corner

"Letting Go"

Well, it's that certain time of the year that we all sort of dread— it's May! Why do we dread this time? It's not having to mow grass or plant our gardens. It's graduation time! For some of us graduation is when our schooling is over and we start seeking a career.

As we have our careers in EMS, our children graduating have just begun. Alas, it's also a time to let go, or as I must realize, it's time to cut the cord. Like the ant who works all summer gathering food to feed the colony for a long winter, our children have gathered knowledge that teachers and parents have given them. They have stored up in their brains, food to survive life's long journey. Today, as I write this, my wife and I watch as one of our two graduating daughters walks to her car with her cap and gown. That moment is when the reality of the season hit me to the point of tears. However, its not the time of season for us to go into a stupor or feel a loss, it's a season we should feel proud of. We celebrate a job well done and support them again, as they embark on life's long journey, not as little children but as adults. Cherish these moments just like the day they were born, and to hold them in your hearts.

Chaplain Scott Nasby



**Board Member Spotlight
Glenn Summers**



Mr. Glenn Summers joined the KCEAA Board of Directors last year as a representative of the Town of Clendenin.

Glenn has served as a former Chief and Board of Directors President for Clendenin Fire Department. Glenn also has served as Past Potentate for the Beni Kedem Shrine. Glenn owns a Real Estate appraisal service and has been very pivotal with land acquisitions for our expansion projects.

He and his wife Kay of 38 years reside in Clendenin. He has one son "Glenn" who lives in Texas and one daughter "Carrie" who lives in Pinch with her husband "Trevor", who is with Charleston Fire Department. Glenn beams with the mention of his three grand-daughters.

There are not many parts of community service that Glenn has not touched and championed. He states that "It is an honor to be part of such a high degree EMS agency that continually display professionalism and dedication to our area."

"June Birthdays"

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| Linda Bailey | Tori Bryant | Leslie Carter | Dave Casto | Mary Coles |
| Stan Johnson | Kelly Keene | John Lovejoy | Matt Lyons | Celestial McCarty |
| Paul Meadows | Richard Meadows | Harold Osborne | Victor Workman | |