Milwaukee County

# Emergency Medical Services

# Report

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**Welcome**

You are receiving this newsletter because you are an important stakeholder in Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), as are all residents of Milwaukee County. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information for you to use, and to share. From time to time we hope to make you aware of:

- Environmental Issues
- Upcoming EMS Events
- EMT and Paramedic Commendations
- Frequently Asked EMS Questions
- Communications related to 911 Calls

Milwaukee County EMS's Mission Statement reads: "***The mission of Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Services is to provide performance excellence in pre-hospital care through education, communication, operations, health information and quality management, and scientific discovery."*** Part of that mission is to educate the public. We are hoping to do that with your help.

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**EMS Week - May 19 to May 23, 2008**

In celebration of EMS Week – the following Municipalities will be sponsoring events – please encourage participation by constituents, friends and neighbors. Come and meet your first responder healthcare providers.

- **West Allis Fire Department** – Open House
  **Saturday, May 17, 2008** – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
  Fire Station #2 – 2040 S. 67th Place
  Scheduled Events and Displays

- **Oak Creek Fire Department** – Ambulance/Equipment Display – Handouts
  **Thanks to a joint effort between Milwaukee County EMS and Roundy's**
  **Saturday, May 17, 2008** – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
  **Pick N Save** – 8770 S. Howell (Howell and Puetz)

## EMS Week Celebration at Local Hospital Emergency Departments

- **Aurora Sinai Medical Center**: The Aurora sites each select one day during the week to have snacks for the EMS crews when they arrive at their designated site with patients.
- **Aurora West Allis Memorial:** EMS Picnic on Tuesday, May 20 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for EMS personnel.
- **Columbia St. Mary's** – Daily snacks and giveaways during EMS week for EMS personnel.
- **Community Memorial**: Special treats will be provided for EMS personnel throughout EMS Week. On Thursday, May 22, there will be a banquet for EMS services which use CMH as medical control. CMH will also recognize an "EMT of the Year" for EMS services which use CMH as medical control.
- **Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital**: Cookout on May 22 for EMS personnel only.
- **St. Francis Hospital**: Food and treats served daily for EMS crews from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. There will be a daily raffle – and a grand prize drawing on Friday, May 23.
- **St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center**: Snacks and beverages will be served daily during EMS Week.
- **The Wisconsin Heart Hospital**: Invitations being sent out for an EMS personnel luncheon on May 21. Something special is also planned for private ambulance providers.

**Milwaukee County EMS welcomes Wheaton Franciscan Hospital – Franklin** as a receiving hospital. The hospital received their first patient on April 30, 2008.

## EMS Spotlight

- **North Shore Fire Department** – spotlighted in a national EMS journal – check out the link on the web. http://www.emsresponder.com/print/Emergency-Medical-Services/Riding-with-North-Shore-FD/1$7419

- On February 20, 2008, the Professional Ambulance Association of Wisconsin (PAAW) along with the American Ambulance Association (AAA), joined members of the Wisconsin Legislature to honor 3 members of 2 Milwaukee private ambulance companies with a "Star of Life" medal at the third annual Professional Ambulance Association of Wisconsin's Stars of Life Recognition Program. The EMTs so honored are: **John Burtch** from Meda-Care Ambulance, and **Tammy Clyse** and **Rachael Mueller** from Paratech Ambulance Service. 15 other EMTs and Paramedics throughout Wisconsin were honored at the Event in Madison.

- **Michele Delisle** from Wauwatosa FD, **Jon Holcomb, Brian Sullivan, Jake Javens** and **Pete Brierton** from the North Shore Fire Department received the "Braveheart" award for humanitarian efforts from the American Red Cross on March 20th for their efforts in treating over 800 patients during a medical mission to Basin Caymi Haiti.

- City of Milwaukee paramedic/ firefighters **William Echevarria** and **Jason Oberg** were recognized by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for their heroic efforts to aid a female who was being mugged. Their efforts provided medical aid to the victim as well as the apprehension of the assailant.

***Feel free to contact us at the number listed below with your questions, concerns, or possible topics which you would like to see featured in this newsletter.***
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