



EMS WEEK

Where
Emergency Care
Begins

May 21-27, 2023

“Where Emergency Care Begins”

Campaign theme honors EMS professionals during national EMS Week

This year emergency medical services (EMS) professionals are celebrated the week of May 21 through 27. The theme for EMS Week 2023: Where Emergency Care Begins.

Every community has its unsung heroes. Without the contributions of selfless individuals whose efforts often go unnoticed, thriving communities would not be as safe, welcoming or successful.

EMS workers are among the most important individuals in a community. The contributions of these individuals, many of whom work as unpaid volunteers, are invaluable and worthy of recognition. Making an effort to understand the role EMS workers play is a great first step toward showing them how much they're ap-

preciated.

What Is EMS?

Emergency Medical Services, or EMS, is a system that provides emergency medical care. EMS does not exist in isolation, as it is integrated with other services and systems with the goal of maintaining and enhancing the health and safety of a community and its residents. This is why EMS services, though they vary from community to community, may be based in fire departments, hospitals, independent government agencies, or nonprofit corporations.

What Duties Do EMS Workers Perform?

Because EMS is a system, EMS workers wear a range of hats. Responsibilities and services EMS workers provide may include:

- Incident recognition
- Access 911
- Dispatch
- First responder
- Basic life support
- Advanced life support
- Air/ground transport
- Emergency department services
- Specialty care
- Patient rehabilitation
- Prevention and awareness
- Public education

When Do EMS Personnel Interact With Their Communities?

Many people only encounter EMS workers during medical emergencies when they are most in need of help. That underscores the vital role EMS workers

play in public health and safety and just how integral they are in instances that could escalate into life-or-death situations.

The members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.

Recognition of the roles EMS workers play is a great way to show support for these often unsung community heroes.

EMS Week is a time to recognize how our nation's paramedics and EMTs have risen to the challenge time and time again in response to the needs of patients and our communities.



Milan First Responders, left to right: Josh Moen, Tim Kanten, Jeff Higgins, and Gwen Kleven Olson. Not pictured: Nate Fragodt and Jarrod Higgins.



Holloway First Responders, front row, left to right: Sara Piotter, Sherolyn Bahl, and Warren Rau. Back: Lowell Schmidt, Jason Piotter, Dave Evenson, and Justin Golden. Inset photo: Cari Weeding.



Danvers First Responders, front row, left to right: Heather Giese, Nate Giese, Julie Commerford, Brett Hoffman, Trudy Hoffman, Joy Weber, Eric Ziegler, Amanda Kraft, Eric Mueller, Lacie Wersinger, Charles Tvedt, and Lacey Wersinger. Not pictured: Sandy Larson, Erin Nagler, and Tim Nagler.



CCM Health EMS crew, left to right: Tom Fleming, Gunnar Loeschke, Loren Demmer, Sue Sather, Emma Baker, Bill Mickelson, Wendy Augeson, Stone Irvine, Morgan Mickelson, Tyler Bratsch, Wylie Lee, Joe Skallerud, Lisa Sandven, Dustin Stone, Jen Olson, Rollee Clark, Rob Dye, and Dr. Chase Osbon. Not pictured: Scott Hatlestad, Jackie Norman, and Courtney Swenson.



Appleton Area Health EMS crew, left to right: April Borstad, McKenzie Giese, Kara Stock, Joseph Dietz, Allan Johnson, Lori Ziemann, Justin Golden, and Warren Rau. Not pictured: Courtney Swenson, Josie Hauck, and Kris Payne.

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SOMETIMES EMS WORK IS ABOUT SAVING LIVES,
BUT IT IS ALWAYS ABOUT CARING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

We would like to recognize the commitment of EMTs, paramedics, ambulance services, and other first responders for the positive impact they have on the survival of critically ill and injured every day. Our community relies on our first responders to be prepared to help regardless of the situation. Thank you, EMS providers!

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