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# Announcements

GCEMS has adopted a local family for this Christmas. We are still looking for donations to help them get a nice meal and diapers for the baby. Submit these donations to Nadine

EMS is going back to being financially independent. 2016 will have a conservative budget to help accomplish this.

Overtime shifts will still be limited as we reach the end of budget season.

MMRT has done an awesome job of getting ready for winter. Make sure your trucks are ready too.

Chief is still working on the new shift schedules, and they should be out soon.

The county commissioners announced that there will be no pay raises for 2016. However, the price you pay for your insurance will not go up either.

Please let Chief know what goals you have for the company for 2016.

**Next staff meeting is January 21st.**

## Continuing Education

**Every day at 9am!**

Dec 1-4: New Medications CE

Dec 7-11: AHA Changes

Dec 14-18: Burns CE

Dec 21-24: Christmas Chaos CE

Dec 28-31: Organophosphate Toxicity CE

Nov 30-Dec 4: AHA Updates CE

When moving into another truck, assure to move the following:  
ISTAT, MMRT bag, LUCAS if needed,  
Computer, Garage door openers

Take care of your equipment:

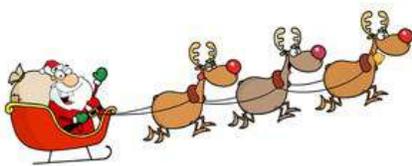
Clean-often

Inspect-often for damage

Report-problems on toolkit

Replace-as needed

If you are looking for equipment please follow up with command staff regardless if it is found or not.



# Announcements

## Command Corner

### This month's Topic: Sick Time

You can think of your sick bank as a savings account and here's why:

1. If you have a true illness, you're covered.
2. Once you have accrued 3 months worth of sick time (520 for office staff and 832 for field staff) you will be able to get paid out 2:1 for severance pay when you leave.

After you have been here for 5 years, you start accruing severance pay at 2 days per year.

When the schedule moves to fixed 48's, vacation and sick time will change to 4 vacation and 4 sick days per year. All previously accrued sick time will stay.

The command staff is also looking into changing sick time to PTO.

The shift captains have been working on a formal transport protocol that should be published soon.

Ideas, suggestions, and questions are always welcome. Your response to the survey was awesome. Keep it coming because command staff wants to hear your voice!

Dust off that Bunker gear because winter is here! Make sure you're staying warm. And do not forget to maintain three points of contact when exiting the truck.



Todd Holzworth— Dec 4th

Jesse Gatewood— Dec 15th

Katharyn Woodard— Dec 15

Nick Wall— Dec 20th

Dustin Peterson— Dec 23rd

Ray Jennings— Dec 31st

### Holiday Party!

Come join your GCEMS family for food, fellowship, and fun at the Christmas party on December 17th at 6:00 pm. RSVP to Nadine about what you would like to bring.

Suggestion box coming your way! Type your suggestion, question, or complaint with qualifiers on the template on the desktop at station one. Print it out and place it in the box on the bulletin board. Answers and progress toward suggestions will be posted in the upcoming newsletter. Let's make this agency even better!



# Kudos

Kudos to Jesse, Daniel, Travis, Dustin M., and Cory Z. for providing awesome patient care and getting letters of gratitude from their patients.

As we close on 2015 I want to send a heart felt thank you to everyone for your hard work through out the year (especially when I am the on duty captain). I truly appreciate the help with teaching classes, helping with HS EMT class, conducting CE, coming up with new ideas to assure a progressive EMS service, dedication to premier patient care, new ideas for protocol changes and most of all your friendship. I love and respect all you guys. I look forward to 2016-it will be an exciting year.

-Audrey

Chief and Nowell were sworn in as Deputy Sheriffs for Emergency Management by Sheriff Brett Schrotlin.



# LESSONS FROM A MOUSE



A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package.

"What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered - he was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose." So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house -- like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught.

The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember -- when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

We're in this **TOGETHER!!!**

# November Call Volume

So you think you've been busy?

Check out how many calls you've run in November:

Cory Ziegler– 12

Nick Wall– 20

Erica Smith– 7

Tammy Russell– 5

Dustin Peterson– 14

Dustin Muth– 7

Shannon McGill-10

Audrey Jennings– 11

Sean Jarboe-11

Brian Gourdin– 9

Daniel Goncalves– 28

Erik Campbell– 11

RJ Byrd– 5

Matt Lyons– 3

Calls in November 146

Number of calls for the rest of the year: Jan: 198 Feb: 168

Mar: 185 Apr: 105 May: 112 June:194 July: 247

Aug: 260 Sept: 142 Oct: 139

Calls for the year as of Nov. 30th: 1897

Average of 5.68 calls per day

Average of 1.4 calls per truck per day



*EMS Christmas  
Prayer*



Please make this, Lord, a silent night  
this one night of the year.

No sirens wailing through the dark,  
no shouts of hate or fear

No crumpled cars and twisted steel,  
no blood and tears that spill.

No messages of grief to take,  
to homes that suddenly grow still.

Please, King of Peace, no drunken fights  
that wreck the family tree,

And all the dreams of some small child,  
who clings, in fear, to me.

Let travelers tread the tinsel streets  
safe from assault and harm.

On this night, this special night,  
no red lights, no alarms.

I'd like to be at home, Oh Lord,  
where spice and cedar scent the air.

I hope the children don't wake up,  
until I can be there.

Please make this Lord, a silent night,  
no hate, or hurt, or crime,

But if this cannot be, Oh Lord,  
help me get there in time.

Amen

~Author Unknown~



# DECEMBER 2015

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1 CE- New Meds	2 CE- New Meds CPR at Devil's Thumb GCSAR Training	3 CE- New Meds	4 CE- New Meds	5
6	7 CE- AHA Updates	8 CE- AHA Updates CPR at Granby Dental	9 CE- AHA Updates GCSAR Training	10 CE- AHA Updates	11 CE- AHA Updates	12
13	14 CE- Burns	15 CE- Burns	16 CE- Burns GCSAR Training	17 CE- Burns Elem Caroling at 12:30 EMS Christmas Party	18 CE- Burns	19
20	21 CE- Christmas Catastrophe	22 CE- Christmas Catastrophe	23 CE- Christmas Catastrophe GCSAR Training	24 CE- Christmas Catastrophe	25 	26
27	28 CE- Organo-phosphate Tox	29 CE- Organo-phosphate Tox	30 CE- Organo-phosphate Tox GCSAR Training	31 CE- Organo-phosphate Tox 		

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