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Commissioner W. Kent Carper Receives "Distinguished West Virginian" Award



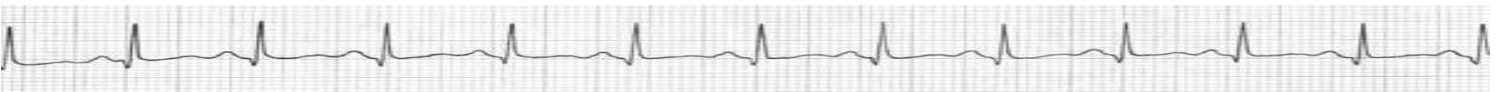
Kent and Wife Deborah

There isn't much happening around the Kanawha Valley these days without Kent Carper knowing about it. But Thursday, July 6th at the State Capital, our Board Member and County Commissioner was given quite a nice surprise.

The Honorable Mr. W. Kent Carper received the "Distinguished West Virginian" award for 2006. Mr. Carper is President of the Kanawha County Commission and serves on the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority Board of Directors. Upon receiving his award, Mr. Carper said "I am extremely honored by this and humbled that Governor Manchin would take his time for this presentation."

We at the Ambulance Authority have appreciated for many years the commitment that Mr. Carper has made to Emergency Medical Services in this area and for Emergency Services in general. Kent's experience in public safety and leadership skills have attributed to the success that we at KCEAA embrace and cherish today.

Congratulations Commish!



Field Training Officers will be an extension of KCEAA Education Department

The Kanawha County Ambulance Authority has created new field-training officers (FTO) positions, designed to provide more education for its EMS providers.

Last month, Mike Jarrett, Public Information Officer for the Ambulance Authority, introduced the first four employees selected for the positions at a press conference.

"We have tested and tested these guys," Jarrett said. "And the best has been selected."

The first four officers are Paramedic Erica Payne, Paramedic Tennille Davis, Nurse Rich Meadows and Lieutenant Paramedic David Kidd.

The officers will start the new jobs immediately. Jarrett said there would be a total of 12 field-training officers on staff by 2007.

Kim Johnson, Education Manager of the Ambulance Authority, said the officers would work as an extension of her department. The training officers, who are paramedics and registered nurses, will accompany co-workers out in the field to determine what improvements can be made to the service.



Rich Meadows, Tennille Davis, Erica Payne, David Kidd

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"They are going to serve as a resource for our office because we can't always be out in the field," Johnson said. "They are going to know exactly what's going on, so we can come up with a plan to help educate to make improvements if necessary."

A series of tests was scheduled to determine what knowledge and problem solving skills the employees have on the job. During the sessions, the FTO candidates were asked to give impromptu lectures on certain subjects.

Testing procedures also included review sessions by authority personnel, including management and fellow EMS workers.

The field employees will have a certain field "in service", one month and the following month they will be tested for knowledge and skill to ensure they have retained the subject information they received.



Tennille Davis conducts one of the FTO's first in-service for crews in the east. Pictured with her are Keith Slack and Jerry Smith. The topic was "Heat Emergencies", very appropriate for the weather we have been having. This session was also covered by WCHS TV 8.



Education News

Tommy Bibb and Dave Perry will be receiving specialized Train the Trainer on the new Sim man and Sim baby mannequins that we will be using soon.

Congratulations to Jay Albright and Shawn Smith for successfully passing the CCT course and obtaining their extended scope of practice card through WVOEMS.

Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority has elected to have all EMT/Paramedic/Nurses renew their HCP (CPR) by completing the online version of the course then coming in and completing the practical portion as a proficiency.

Employees need to contact James Roat at 345-2312 Ext. 124 or send an e-mail requesting the Key and Information packet about the online course. Once the employee has obtained the Key and instructions they have 60 days to complete the online portion of the program and print off the Certificate and turn it in to the Education Department.

American Heart 2005 Guidelines are out and there have been major changes in CPR. All employees need to be updated even if your card is valid.

KCEAA Education Department trained 70 First Responders throughout the Kanawha Valley during the month of June in diabetic emergencies, ambulance operations and gaining access.



Anthony and Stacy brought Audrey in last week

It's a boy !

Darrell and Miranda Murphy are the proud parents of Owen Lee Murphy. He was born June 1st at Women's' and Children's.

Owen weighed in at 3lbs and 4 oz measuring 15 inches. He is in NICU and doing just fine.





Billy Graham was returning home after a speaking engagement. When his plane arrived at the airport, there was a long black limousine to transport him. Just as he was about to get in the back of the limo, he stopped. He whispered to the driver who was holding the door open for him. "You know" he said, "I am 87 years old and I have never driven a limousine. Would you mind if I drove it for a while?" The driver said, "No problem. Have at it." Billy got into the driver's seat and they headed out to the interstate. Lurking behind an exit ramp a short distance from the airport, sat a rookie State Trooper operating his first speed trap. The long black limo went by him doing 70 in a 55 mph zone. The trooper pulled out in pursuit and easily caught the limo. He pulled up behind, and got out of his State Patrol car. The young trooper walked up to the driver's door. When the glass was rolled down he was very surprised to see who was driving. Trying desperately to maintain his professional attitude, he immediately excused himself and walked back to his car and called his supervisor. He told the supervisor, "I know we are supposed to enforce the law but I also know that important people are given certain courtesies. I need to know what I should do because I have stopped a " v e r y i m p o r t a n t p e r s o n . " The supervisor asked, "Is it the governor?" The young trooper said, "No, he's more important than that." The supervisor said, "Oh, so it's the president." The young trooper said, "No, he's even more important than that." The supervisor finally asked, "Well then, who is it?" The young trooper said, "I think it's Jesus because he's got Billy Graham for a chauffeur.



Back in the day



Gary Davis



Gary Davis has been with KCEAA for over 28 years. He first started as a FF/EMT with Cabin Creek Fire Department. At present he is a Lieutenant with Community Education, but has covered about all that EMS has provided in the Kanawha Valley and surrounding areas. Gary and his wife Tennille, (a CCT Medic on 59), and his two children, Madeline and Cayden live in Witcher Creek. Formally from Cabin Creek, he was affectionately referred to as "Mayor". Gary has taught hundreds of responders at various levels of emergency medicine in his career and has set the standard in being a "Professional Paramedic". As one of the icons here at KCEAA, Gary has been very pivotal in making us the premier EMS system that we are today.



Bill Pauley



The Honorable Bill Pauley, Mayor of Marmet, has been on the KCEAA Board of Directors for 15 years. Bill serves as a Vice President for the Board as well as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. Outside of the Authority, Mr. Pauley is a member of the Masons and Salina Lodge 27 of Marmet, is also a 32nd degree Shriner of the Beni Keedem Temple in Charleston. He and his wife Evelyn enjoy gospel music and he sings in the Gospel Quartet "Happy Valley Boys" Bill exhibits a great deal of pride and honor in his duties which is evident in the way he instills confidence in the medics that work not only at KM158, but when he is at Central visiting our staff and crews.

"July Birthdays"

**Bill Arthur
Dave Hunley
Deda Miller
Thomas Robinson
John Williams**

**Tim Barnett
Julie King
Mike Miller
Levi Smith**

**Jonathan Coleman
Nick Little
Jamie Moffatt
Fred Tillis**

**David Dunlap
Shawn McCarty
Brenda Nichols
Gail Triplett**

**Mike Helmick
Millie McGhee
Brad Richardson
Jason Triplett**