



25th Annual ESCAPE Banquet “Tribute to Heroes”



The 25th annual ESCAPE conference had a platform from the beginning that pointed towards success. The keynote speaker, list of quality classes and the remembrance area together exemplified what emergency services is all about ~ the people. The atmosphere throughout the entire week was a mix of excitement and gratification.

The excitement was surely in part for the keynote speaker and special guest—Randolph Mantooth, aka “Johnny Gage” from “Emergency”, the series that spring boarded EMS. The gratification came from twenty five years of learning, friendship and love. Pipestem had a special glow to it.

Joe Parker seemed to say it all in the opening of the banquet when he proudly looked over the group, a tear swelling in his eyes

and said...“Mike, you better come up here and pray before I cry” That moment the atmosphere in the room had such a wonderful countenance that words will probably never be able to give credit to. The rest of the evening flowed. Randolph Mantooth gave a very inspirational message.

“Randy is so down to earth”, said Rick Rice, ESCAPE program director. “Randy gave us a history lesson on how a TV show helped change the face of emergency services”. But the true message that he delivered was that he only portrayed a hero, and that he is always humbled and honored to meet and talk with what he termed as the “True Heroes”. “The men and women that are out there on a daily basis, career and volunteer, answering the call to serve humanity in their time of need.”

We are proud of emergency responders every where, especially the men and women of Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority. Many of our folks were at ESCAPE this year, and will continue to be there in the years to come. These are the times that emergency workers come together with no boundaries, under the same badge to celebrate what flows through their veins.

This 25 year anniversary was a huge success, the classes and speaker set the platform, however the people present is what gave the 2006 ESCAPE conference the success.



From the 2006 ESCAPE Brochure...

...as we begin our 25th ESCAPE, let us take a moment and remember the participants, staff, instructors and family members who are no longer with us. A Remembrance Table was present in honor of the heroes that we lost in the past year.



Mike Allen
Bill Gillispie
Pat Harper
Mike Hart
Kevin Ritchie

Richard Barlow
John Dragan
George Harris
Marshall Moore
Paul Ritchie

Dennis Young

“Around the Field”

Jennifer brought the boys by last month...

Colton and Caleb
or is it...
Caleb and Colton?



“Welcome New Employees”

Bottom row from left to right: William Jones, Michael Byble, Nicholas Little, Charlie Cunningham, Tyler Jarrett, Mark Strickland, Alan Pinkerman

Top row from left to right: James Steenburgh, Ronnie Cobb, Jason Burger, Paul Strohl, Wade Loudin, Terry Drennen

Congratulations to: Matthew and Leah McCallister, the proud parents of Katherine Claire McCallister, born February 6th, weighing in at 7 lbs and 11oz.

Saint Francis of Assisi Holy Catholic Church order of Knights of Columbus in Saint Albans during their annual Blue Mass Worship, awarded our own Patrick Fenimore with the 2005 EMS excellence award for his work with high school students and his dedication to EMS.



**“K C”
at
Central Elementary
PTO**



“KCEAA Education News”

REMINDER

National Registry EMT Registration
DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2006

If you need assistance in filling out your registration forms, contact the education department no later than March 14th. Documentation of continuing education outside KCEAA must be copied and brought to the education department when completing the forms.

If you have any questions, please contact :
EMT—Linda Bailey Ext. 117
MEDIC—James Roat Ext. 124

Autism Class

March 28, 0900-1000 KCEAA Auditorium

Local Fire Schools

Lincoln County April 1-2, Hamlin High School
Kanawha County April 28-30, WV State College

Congratulations to Kim Johnson for having a paper featured in the magazine “Critical Care Nurse” February edition.
(see insert)

Linda Bailey trained 112 Kanawha Valley First Responders in February on Medical and Trauma patient assessment.
Imagine the effect this can have throughout the community...

At the Annual ESCAPE conference “Top Medic” competition, James Roat, Mike Adkins and Nick Painter finished with **First Place** in Overall Skills and Airway Management
way to go guys...

The KCEAA education department has been awarded a grant from WV TSN as reimbursement for their CCT (Critical Care Transport) initiatives. \$77,842.00 has been reimbursed for the development and ongoing revision of the States’ CCT program. These funds will enable KCEAA to create and maintain a “SimLab”. “The SimLab” is an interactive training program that will give scenarios close to field situations. “It is the closest thing to having a patient on the cot”, says Kim Johnson, Manager of KCEAA Education. She went on to say that “This device takes the subjective element of the instructor interaction out of scenarios.”

The Laerdal SimMan simulator offers students the ability to provide simulation education to challenge and test their clinical and decision making skills during realistic patient-care scenarios.





“Chaplains Corner”

What does the
“Star of Life”
mean?



Each of the six "points" of the star represents an aspect of the EMS System.

- 1) Detection
- 2) Reporting
- 3) Response
- 4) On Scene Care
- 5) Care In Transit
- 6) Transfer To Definitive Care

The staff on the star represents medicine and healing and is derived from the following verse...

Numbers 21:4 -9

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

Just as the children of Israel expected healing when they looked upon the serpent on the pole ~ so do our patients expect healing from us when they look upon our patch...



Back in the day...

Employee Spotlight



Becky McCallister

Becky works on KM-540. She has been in EMS for 23 years, since “back in the day”, when she joined Duval Ambulance as a junior volunteer. She has been with KCEAA for about seven years now and has “special equipment” for patients.



Becky has always kept a “goodie bag” in her truck for her patients. She says that having these “patient care devices” give that special touch to her pediatric patients.

She has also used them to comfort adults as well. “I once gave a lady who was claustrophobic, a teddy bear when she had a MRI, it calmed her so she would lay still”. This care and compassion for patients is what EMS is all about.

Becky enjoys spending time outdoors with her boyfriend David and her two children Justin and Haley. She also is a leader with Ivy dale Brownie troop 5136.

Board Member Spotlight



Ms. Adele Hagerman

Adele has served on our Board for over 4 years representing the City of South Charleston and is also on the Personnel Committee. She likes to stay busy with her love of the arts



and volunteering in the community. Ms. Hagerman’s late husband Charles served on the KCEAA Board of Directors for 23 years. She lives in their home in South Charleston where they raised their three children.

Charles and Adele traveled many times to Europe, where they became involved with International Student placement. She is a member of “Youth for Understanding”. This has brought many young people from all over the world to their loving home and other homes throughout WV.

The Hagerman's’ adopted one of their students that lost their family. All in all, over 150 young folks have been placed in homes as exchange students by her.

Adele carries forth the same respect and admiration for EMS that her husband had and is always bragging on her “medics” throughout the community.