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**Kanawha County Paramedics Take Top Honors  
at Annual State EMS / Fire Competition**



**1st Place Winners LT. Rick Unik, Nick Painter (Team Captain) and Erica Payne.**

**2nd Place Winners Katie Berg, Tennille Davis, Lt. David Kidd (Team Captain).**

The State EMS / Fire Competition took place in Hurricane on August 4th, 5th and 6th. This years' event was hosted by the Hurricane VFD and the enthusiasm and effort put forth by all those that either competed, judged or worked on the committee in some capacity was as huge as ever. Congratulations to everyone who have taken a tremendous step in their personal and professional lives to enhance their EMS skills and leadership abilities. This kind of dedication will strengthen KCEAA and all of the other agencies for years to come.

Here's what some of our competitors had to say about their scenarios...

“In eight competitions that I have been at—this is one of the better scenarios, this Meth Lab could very well happen.”  
Erica Payne.

“It seemed to flow well, we kept each other well informed, each patient was deconed and evacuated prior to transport—he was alive when we left him”  
Nick Painter.

“Better scenarios than Baltimore—man, that burn victim really looked good.”  
Katie Berg

“The spirit and camaraderie was great, the role players were some of the best we have ever worked with.”  
Tennille Davis.

“Nick Painter had a great “Command Presence.”  
Joe Lynch

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***The West Virginia State EMS / Firefighter Competition Water Search and Rescue Trophy Cup has been dedicated to the Memory of James “Marshall” Moore who passed away last year.***

***From the Awards Banquet Program...***

***“His support and friendship is missed by the members of the West Virginia EMS and Firefighter's Competition Committee.***

***This rotating cup dedication is our small way of honoring his dedication to the competition.”***



**Competition Outstanding Paramedic Erica Payne and KCEAA Competition 2006 Coach James Roat.**



Field Training Officer Erica Payne has been with the KCEAA Paramedic Competition Teams since 1999. She participated in the International Mosby-Jems Competition in Bethlehem, PA in 2004 and just last year she was on the Medic Team with Lt. Rick Unik and Nurse Nick Painter that placed as one of the top five teams in the world at the Jems International Competition at Philadelphia, PA.

This has paid off at the State Competition this year as Erica says...

"I'm very proud of the team of which I am a part of. Rick and Nick have inspired me, they are the main reason that we have placed where we have and that I have received this honor." She sums it up very humbly by saying "This has been a wonderful experience and has really contributed to my patient assessment and care." "It would not have been possible without my teammates or Coach Tweety (James Roat)."



**Competition Outstanding EMT Driver Chris Coles**

Chris Coles has been with Kanawha County Ambulance since 1990 and she presently works on the Sissonville truck. While growing up in Clay County, both of her parents were involved in EMS. "Chrissy" states that she enjoys working in the field. "I enjoy the challenges that present themselves on a day to day basis, but most of all—I enjoy the people that you meet and the opportunity to help them." Her husband Patrick is a firefighter for Charleston Fire Department and is on their competition team. She says that they always have a lot of fun trying to beat each other at the competitions.

They have been married for 13 years and have four children.





Above - Nick Painter with his "Game Face"

Left - Katie Berg doing patient assessment on burn victim.



Gary Davis as patient with diabetic emergency



EMT Team; Bill White, Jennifer Ford and David Nuckles



EMS Photo	1st place	James Roat
Firefighter Photo	1st place	Scott Nasby
CPR/Driving	2nd place	Jennifer Ford David Nuckols Billy White Chris Coles
Outstanding CPR Driver		Chris Coles
EMT	3rd place	Jennifer Ford David Nuckols Billy White Chris Coles
Paramedic	1st place	Nick Painter Rick Unik Erica Payne
Paramedic	2nd place	David Kidd Katie Berg Tennille Davis
Outstanding Paramedic		Erica Payne
Team Coach		James Roat
Competition Committee/Judges		Dr. Burdette Gary Davis Thurman Williams Linda Bailey Fred Tillis Brad Nichols Dave Perry Johnny Miller



Part of the scenario for the Meth Lab explosion at a day care center involved patient assessment with children; Lt. Rick Unik (above) and Tennille Davis (left), doing what comes naturally.