



Chatfield EMS News

September 2014

The September Ambulance Meeting is Thursday the 11th at 7PM. START (Jump-START) and use of MCI/Incident Command will be practiced. We will first watch a power point then put into action what we learn. We will have assignments and get out the equipment that would be needed and put it into use. Everyone will have some Triage Tags to use. We are supposed to be using triage tags on Tuesdays/Sundays to become familiar with their use. The SE Trauma group SMRTAC has worked to develop a better way to have our patients seen in the ER. Their system and ours won't always mesh. So the SMRTAC group is looking at how to improve triage in the field and do what is best for our patients.

Farewell and Best Wishes are extended to Chatfield Police Officer Grace McCallum NREMT. Grace has accepted a job opportunity closer to her family. Thanks Grace for all of the help given to our patients and us before and after arrival on scene. We all wish you the BEST!

LABOR DAY holiday is September 1st. Thank you to all who provided coverage. Several Holidays remain this year for you to volunteer if you have not given your 24 hours.



BIRTHDAYS

*Cathy Anderson 28th Rocky Burnett 25th
Laurie Cooper 7th Karla Mullenbach 20th
Brady Nelson 19th Jess Wodele 6th
and our very own Dr. Vicki Dietz 27th*



The Home Football games are on the EMS Manager Schedule. Thank you to EMT Chatfield Gopher Football Fans who willingly volunteer on Friday Nights at the games.

WELCOME

New EMT Jess Wodele, Jess has been assigned to team 1. We have 2 students waiting to take NREMT CAT: Matthew Gathje was on our team in 2004, and is coming back; Matt is also assigned to team 1. Seth Eisenman is becoming an EMT and will be assigned to team 2. Ryan Priebe who was on team 2 is resigning, as his family and commitment to the Fire Department keeps him busy enough. Ryan has offered to drive in the event an accident scene call needs 2 EMTs for patient care and the Fire Department is assisting. We have several

Firefighters who are willing to help if needed. Our Fire Department does an awesome job keeping our scene and us safe. Lifting help when we are challenged is also much appreciated! Our teams are now more even in numbers and with EMTs who can only commit to the minimum number of hours. Our two ladies on maternity leave will be back before we know it as well. Please remember your time commitment is with your assigned team, however you may put availability with any team. I am also checking the status of a couple more EMTs who are not contributing hours.



Farm Extraction Workshop is on September 13th. Several of you have signed up. It will prove to be really good training, with lots of hands on. Sponsored by SE MN EMS and held in Spring Valley at their ambulance station.

EMT classes are beginning in Mabel and soon to begin in Chatfield. If you know of anyone interested in joining the ranks send them this way. Chatfield sessions begin September 15th.

The new weekend stipend began on August 15th. It is hard to give up precious time, and especially on the weekends. The Weekend stipend works much like the holiday stipend; \$2.00 per hour on call is paid to the 2 EMTs who are on the schedule from Friday at 6 PM until Monday at 6 AM. I know this is not much, but every little bit helps. Thank you for every bit of time you give to the service; it is appreciated.