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From the President...

This is truly a wonderful time of year. Beginning with Thanksgiving, and all the way through the Christmas season, families and friends celebrate, children look with wide eyed wonder, and almost everyone feels the warmth of love all around. As we pause to give thanks for our family and friends, and all the blessings we are given, I suggest each of you also pause and realize that there are probably people all around you who are thanking God for you, and your work. There are grandpas and grandmas, moms and dads and kids around the table who would not be there except for your great work. You all have been part of a blessing to the communities you serve, and many people see it very real this time of year.

I am also very thankful for my family, who overwhelm me with love. Vicki, Shae and Katie, Brittany and Cooper, and the 3 (soon 4) grandchildren we have are wonderful to be around, and to celebrate with. Between my home family, and my work family, I am truly a very blessed man. I

wish each of you a very Merry Christmas, and health and happiness in the new year. And, I must close by saying, I am most thankful for the Celebration of the birth of the Christ, the man who came to rescue all of us, so many years ago.

Please don't forget the annual Family Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12 at Christ Chapel at Sportstown in Macon. A buffet lunch will be served from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the Grill, and there will be lots of fun activities including basketball, soccer/flag football, and volleyball, so be sure to dress casual and wear your comfortable shoes!

The program begins at 2:00 p.m. You won't want to miss this wonderful time to celebrate the Christmas season and the accomplishments of our employees for 2009. Please RSVP to Dawn at 478.207.3309 or Shirley at 478.207.3305.



Macon	1717
Montezuma	72
Pike	377
Adel	145
Columbus	1220
Company Total for November: 3,531	

Training Update

See details on Recertification information on page 3!

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers...

Bill Pruitt, Fleet Operations Manager in Macon, and his family. Their son, Zack, has a lesion on his brain. Please visit his caringbridge website and leave some encouraging words for this family and their young son!

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/zackpruitt>

MGA Medic Emails Available

In an effort to foster communication within the organization, Mid Georgia Ambulance has decided to offer email addresses to employees who do not already have an MGA email address. This opportunity is excellent for employees who do not already have an email address at all, or employees who want to have a work-related email address to communicate with colleagues. Mid Georgia Ambulance would also like to be able to communicate with all its employees on occasion, and to accommodate this, a standardized email address is necessary.

Below are the simple steps to obtaining your "mgamedic.com" email address.

- Open an internet connection
- In the address bar type in "webmail.mgamedic.com"

- In the Email address box type in your "firstnamelastname" no spaces
- The password is "password"
- The first time you visit you will get a splash screen with instructions on how to use the site.
- This will be helpful if you are not familiar with Webmail. Also on your first visit you should change you password to whatever you would like it to be.
- You need to close the splash screen, and then the blue email tab should be active
- Then go to the 'Settings' tab and select "Personal Settings." This will enable you to set your password.

You will return to the "webmail.mgamedic.com" site to check your email in the future.

MGA Employees Out in the Community

MGA employees are making a difference in the communities where they serve. From giving flu shots, teaching CPR classes, or crews attending local sporting events, MGA employees are a fixture in these communities and will continue to be as MGA maintains its commitment to community involvement.

Here are a few places they've been in November:

- MGA began certifying all Pike County governmental employees for CPR at no expense to the county
- MGA had dedicated crews at football games at: Crawford County High School, Brookstone School, First Presbyterian Day School, Tattnell Square Academy, Chattahoochee High School, Lamar County High School

- MGA had paramedics at the Cook County High School Career Day
- MGA had a crew at two 5k races, Molenafest in Zebulon and at Gordon College
- MGA employees participated in the Walk for Wishes at Mercer University's campus
- MGA employees participated in the Veterans Day Airshow at the Peachstate Airport

Is your crew participating in a local community event or getting involved in the local community? If so, we want to feature you in a future newsletter!

Please send your pictures and a short statement about the event to :

carmencopeland@midgeorgiaambulance.com.

Recertification Information

It is time again to start thinking about recertification for both the State of Georgia and National Registry. The requirements for each are as follows:

NREMT:

EMT-I

- *72 total hours are needed to recertify
- *Complete a 36 Hour * NREMT Refresher Course
- *Complete an additional 36 hours of continuing education**
- *Submit proof of CPR certification

EMT-P

- *72 total hours are needed to recertify
- *Complete a 48 Hour NREMT Refresher Course
- *Complete an additional 24 hours of continuing education ***
- *Submit proof of CPR and ACLS certification. These cards

MUST BE VALID THROUGH MARCH 31 of 2010

- *MGA will only be offering a 48 hour refresher course which is open to all employees.
- ** For EMT-I's only 18 of these hours can come from Centrelearn (monthly training).
- *** For EMT-P's only 12 of these hours can come from Centrelearn (monthly training).
- For a complete list of training that is allowed for NREMT recert and training that is not allowed for NREMT recert please contact Andrew Woodard.

State of Georgia License:

EMT-I/P:

- * A total of 40 hours are needed to recertify
- * Of these 40, there are minimum number of hours that must be met in the below content areas:
 - *Cardiology – 4 Hours
 - *Trauma – 4 Hours
 - *Pediatrics – 8 Hours
 - *Other – 24 Hours

*100% of these hours may be completed online (**ONLY FOR STATE LICENSE, NOT NREMT**)

Please keep the following in mind:

- *Courses must be completed within the assigned recertification period to be valid. For example, a PHTLS course taken three years ago cannot be used to meet recertification requirements even though the card is valid.
- *There should be enough hours in each content area on Centrelearn to meet state requirements. However you would have needed to complete all the training within the 2 year recertification period for this to be true.
- *AHA and NAMET courses count for the total hours spent in the class. This includes, but not limited to:
 - ACLS Initial – 16 Hours (2 day course)
 - ACLS Recert – 8 Hours
 - PALS Initial – 16 Hours (2 day course)
 - PALS Recert – 8 Hours
 - PHTLS Initial – 16 Hours (2 day course)
 - PHTLS Recert – 8 Hours

You may request a transcript of your Centrelearn progress by emailing Andrew Woodard at awoodard@midgeorgiaambulance.com. Please allow up to two weeks for processing.

NREMT Refresher Course Schedule:

To successfully complete this course all components must be complete. The course will include four classroom days as well as 8 hours online. Participants may change between group 1 and group 2 to meet schedule requirements, however all four days must be completed (days cannot be repeated). Participants may go to either location to meet schedule requirements as well.

To register for this course and receive access to online content please email Andrew Woodard at awoodard@midgeorgiaambulance.com

Macon Course*:

COURSE DAYS:	DAY # / GROUP #	HOURS
12/01/2009-01/31/2010	ONLINE SECTION	8
01/08/2010	DAY 1 GROUP 1	10
01/15/2010	DAY 1 GROUP 2	10
01/22/2010	DAY 2 GROUP 1	10
01/29/2010	DAY 2 GROUP 2	10
02/05/2010	DAY 3 GROUP 1	10
02/12/2010	DAY 3 GROUP 2	10
02/19/2010	DAY 4 GROUP 1	10
02/26/2010	DAY 4 GROUP 2	10

Columbus Course*:

COURSE DAYS:	DAY 3 / GROUP #	HOURS
12/01/2009-01/31/2010	ONLINE SECTION	8
01/05/2010	DAY 1 GROUP 1	10
01/12/2010	DAY 1 GROUP 2	10
01/19/2010	DAY 2 GROUP 1	10
01/26/2010	DAY 2 GROUP 2	10
02/02/2010	DAY 3 GROUP 1	10
02/09/2010	DAY 3 GROUP 2	10
02/16/2010	DAY 4 GROUP 1	10
02/23/2010	DAY 4 GROUP 2	10

*Dates subject to change based on number of participants

Happy Birthday!

First Name	Last Name	Date
Tiffany	Crane	3-Dec
Darrell	Riggins	5-Dec
Chris	Shult	10-Dec
Kevin	Newell	10-Dec
David	Sands	14-Dec
Kyle	Starling	14-Dec
Sheree	Twilley	15-Dec
Gary	Womble	17-Dec
Rebecca	Shirah	19-Dec
Lesia	Rose	19-Dec
Matthew	Wood	22-Dec
Ronnie	Whelchel	23-Dec
Brian	Wilson	23-Dec
Joni	Asbell	25-Dec
Daniel	Worth	26-Dec
Lorine	Franks	28-Dec

Happy Anniversary!

First Name	Last Name	Date
Brian	Moseley	12/1/1997
Travis	Harper	12/1/2004
Jay	Mosier	12/1/2004
David	Sands	12/1/2004
George	Spencer	12/1/2004
Shelly	Walden	12/1/2008
Bobby	Funderburk	12/1/2008
Tim	Cook	12/3/1999
Heather	Raulston	12/4/2003
Lee	Hughes	12/4/2006
Adam	Michie	12/8/2006
Lisa	Collins	12/12/2005
James	Harper	12/12/2008
John	Wood	12/15/2008
Tim	Hinton	12/19/2006
Jessica	Rowan	12/19/2006
Wayne	Hiers	12/26/2008
Dustin	Moulton	12/26/2008
Sheila	Tripp	12/26/2008

Welcome New Employees!

Please take a moment to welcome each of these new employees to the Mid Georgia Ambulance family.

Jason Montgomery, Zebulon Division
Nita Bryan, CMED

