

EMS on the Go

With LewisGale Hospital Montgomery

EMS Week 2016

Many thanks to our area EMS providers for your service and dedication to the health and well-being of your communities.

LewisGale Hospital Montgomery celebrated National EMS Week May 15-21, 2016. Three main events highlighted EMS professionals' service, educational endeavors, and comradery: The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride send-off, EMS CE Night, and the EMS Week Picnic.

The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride had four riders from LGHM: Dr. Brian Ekey, Mary Vansteensburghe, Scott Davis, and Lynn Baluh. Blacksburg Rescue Squad members Matt O'Rourke and Devon Frazier were the ride coordinators for the Southern Route. Christiansburg Rescue's Deveron Milne cycled while Taylor Hauschildt provided support for the group of riders.



Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad member Leslie Combs (above) and Christiansburg Rescue Squad member Bobbie Wines (below) were two of over twenty EMS Week Raffle winners.



EMS Memorial Bike Ride send-off by Christiansburg Mayor Mike Barber and Blacksburg Mayor Ron Rordam, Sheriff Partin, Montgomery County Sheriffs' Department, Blacksburg Police, Christiansburg Police, LewisGale Hospital Administration, Emergency Department, and Trauma Services.

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EMS Week Picnic

Gray skies and the threat of rain did not dampen anyone's spirits. The EMS Week Picnic was held on Friday, May 20, 2016, and attended by EMS personnel from five different agencies: VT Rescue, Riner Rescue, First Call, Christiansburg Rescue Squad, Blacksburg Rescue Squad, and the WV EMS Council. Together, hospital leaders Marsha Myers, Julie McElwee, Stacey Mulkey, Dr. Fowlkes, and Emory Altizer along with Michele Shumaker from Trauma Services, made sure the grill was manned and food was available for EMS personnel to enjoy.



EMS Week Picnic attendees

"Is the hospital going to have CE on a regular basis like they did years ago?"

EMS CE Night Scheduled for September

The next upcoming EMS CE night is scheduled for September at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery:

September 8, 2016

Topic: Pediatric Emergencies

Presented by: Dr. Laura Harvey

Time: Dinner served 1800-1830; Presentation begins at 1830

RSVPs appreciated but not required.

Contact: Lynn.Baluh@hcahealthcare.com, 540.808.3924

Return of EMS CE Night at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery

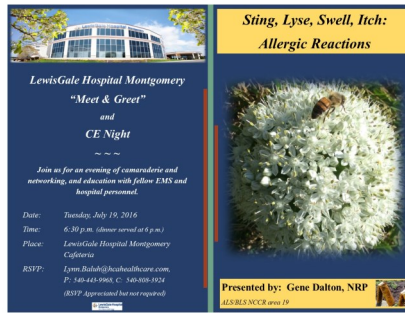
Are you searching for great speakers and classes to fulfill your EMS continuing education (CE) hours? If so, LewisGale Hospital Montgomery's Trauma Services is proud to announce the return of *EMS CE Night*! EMS CE hours will be offered bi-monthly on weekday evenings.



EMS CE Night with Andrew Galvin, ENT-BC, ACNP-BC, CEN

During National EMS Week, we kicked off CE Night with *"Two Dudes and Two Beers": Head Injury and Alcohol* by Andrew Galvin, ENT-BC, ACNP-BC, CEN.

July Meet and Greet and EMS CE Night



EMS CE Night with Gene Dalton, NRP, EC

LewisGale Hospital Montgomery hosted a Meet and Greet session with hospital leaders: Emory Altizer, Trauma Program Manager; Julie McElwee, Director of Emergency Services; and Jennifer Larkin, Director of Cardiopulmonary Services. Department news was relayed and EMS providers had the opportunity to ask questions.

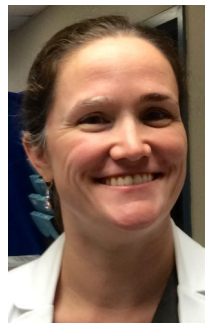
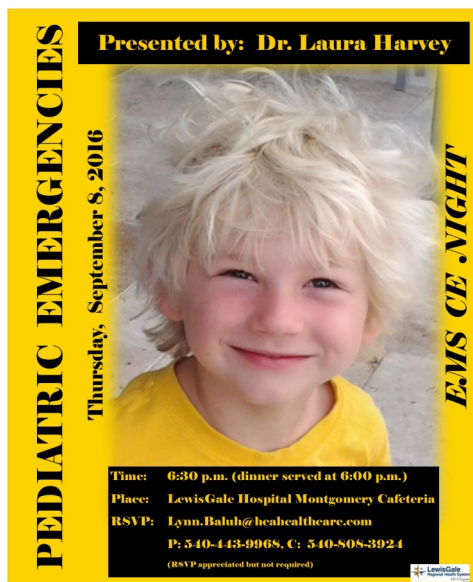
Following the Meet and Greet session, Gene Dalton, NRP, EC, presented his lecture on anaphylactic and allergic reactions.

Observe the PCI Procedure for your STEMI Patient

Did you know when EMS personnel bring in a Heart Alert STEMI, the providers are welcome, and encouraged, to accompany the patient to the cath lab to observe the PCI procedure? Follow your patient in the continuum of care as he/she is transferred from prehospital to hospital care. Learn which vessel (or vessels) was blocked and caused the STEMI as seen on the 12-lead EKG tracing. Observe as stents are placed and blocked vessels are re-opened. Do NOT be shy. If interested, be sure to tell the cath lab team you would like to observe your patient's PCI procedure.

Training and EMS CE Opportunities

SEPTEMBER EMS CE NIGHT



September's EMS CE Night speaker will be Dr. Laura Harvey. Dr. Harvey's presentation topic is pediatric emergencies.

Fall Swift Water Classes



Are you interested in water rescue? If so, there are several Swift water classes scheduled for September and October 2016. The prerequisite for the classes is Swift Water Technician. Classes offered are: Advanced Swift Water Technician, Paddle Boat Operations, and Advanced Paddle Boat Operations.

For information, contact Kevin Hamm (khamm@christiansburgems.org).



FARM MACHINERY EXTRICATION CLASS

LewisGale Hospital Montgomery and the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc. (VAVRS) has partnered to offer Farm Machinery Extrication. The class will be held on Sat. and Sun., October 15, 16, 2016.

The class is free to VAVRS members and is \$25.00 for non-members. Participants must be at least 18 years of age —no exceptions. Lectures will be held at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery's Education Center and practicals at Childress Farm, Christiansburg, VA. Students must have their own protective clothing, boots, helmet, gloves, and eyewear/goggles.

Register online at www.vavrs.com/Training/Registration

- Click Course drop-down box
- Select Farm Machinery Extrication
- Click Search

Lunch will be provided by LewisGale Hospital Trauma Services and Meade Tractor.

FARM MACHINERY EXTRICATION

October 15th, 16th Sponsored by LewisGale Hospital Montgomery Trauma Services and Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc. (VAVRS) October 15th, 16th




⚠ DANGER

BON'T TAKE CHANCES!

To avoid injury or death by being pulled into the machine, Do not attempt to feed crop or twine into baler or unplug feed area WHILE **BALER IS RUNNING**. The baler feeds material faster than you can release it. Disengage PTO and shut off engine.



JOIN US!	COURSE DESCRIPTION	REGISTRATION DETAILS
<p>WHAT: Farm Machinery Extrication Class</p> <p>WHEN: Saturday and Sunday (Oct. 15, 16, 2016)</p> <p>WHERE: Lectures—LewisGale Hospital Montgomery Education Center Practical stations—Childress Farm, Christiansburg, VA.</p> <p>WHO: EMS and Fire personnel (<i>EMS category 2 CE will be given</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;"><i>Lunch provided by: LewisGale Hospital Montgomery and Meade Tractor</i></p>	<p>Developed in cooperation with Virginia Tech's Agricultural Engineering Department, Farm Machinery Extrication stresses the safe and proper techniques of handling agriculture related accidents. Topics in this course include: Machinery upsets, victim entanglement in large machinery, agricultural chemicals, and pesticides. Students will have the opportunity to have hands-on extrication practice. Students are required to provide their own protective gear (extrication pants and top, gloves, boots, helmet, eye protection). Participants MUST be at least 18 year of age. NO EXCEPTIONS.</p>	<p>REGISTER: VAVRS website</p> <p style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid white; padding: 2px;">www.vavrs.com/Training/Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click Course drop-down box • Select Farm Machinery Extrication • Click Search <p>COST*: VAVRS members—FREE Non-VAVRS members—\$25.00</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;"><i>(VAVRS will charge a \$25.00 fee to anyone who reserves seat in class and is a "no show.")</i></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Contact: Lynn Baluh@hcahealthcare.com, 540-808-3924</p>



EMS CE TRAINING IN THE NEW RIVER VALLEY

The WVEMS Council, Inc. is offering CE classes on various topics. Classes will be held at different locations throughout the New River Valley.

The first session will be held on Wed., Aug. 24, 2016, at the New River Valley Training Center. Topics include: EMS Field Triage, Endocrine Emergencies, and Stroke Assessment/Management.

New River Valley

CE Program

REGIONAL
County of Putnam
Emergency Medical Services

WVEMS
www.wvems.org
Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.

Wednesday August 24th 6p-9p
NRV Business Center
6580 Valley Center Drive, Radford, VA. 24141

TOPICS:

EMS Field Triage 6p – 7p
NCCR Cat.1 ALS-Area 20/BLS Area 15

Endocrine Emergencies 7p – 8p
NCCR Cat.1 ALS-Area 19/BLS Area 14

STROKE Assessment/Management 8p – 9p
NCCR Cat.1 ALS-Area 17/BLS Area 12

The second training night is scheduled for Mon., Sept. 19, 2016, at Shawsville Volunteer Rescue Squad. Topics include: Pediatric Cardiac Arrest w/ skill scenarios and Pediatric Trauma.

New River Valley

CE Program

Shawsville Volunteer Rescue Squad

WVEMS
www.wvems.org
Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.

Monday September 19th 6p-9p
Shawsville Volunteer Rescue Squad
6620 Roanoke Rd., Shawsville, VA. 24162

TOPICS:

6p-8p Pediatric Cardiac Arrest w/skill scenarios
NCCR Cat.1 ALS-Area 17/BLS Area 12

8p -9p Pediatric Trauma
NCCR Cat.1 ALS-Area 18/BLS Area 13

EMT-Intermediate Class Announced

The WVEMS Council, Inc. is accepting applications for its upcoming EMT-Intermediate class which is slated to begin Sept. 1, 2016. Applications are due Aug. 19, 2016. Applicants must take an entrance exam. Contact Mike Garnett for more information (540-562-3482).

WVEMS NRVTC EMT- INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM



WHEN:
Starts: September 1st 2016
Ends: June 30th 2017
Class is every Tuesday & Thursday 6p-10p
1 Saturday a month 8a-5p

**FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION:**
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WHERE:
WVEMS New River Valley
Training Center.

6580 Valley Center Drive, Radford, Va. 24141

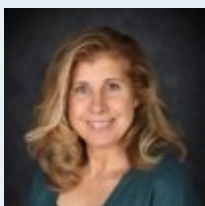
**ENTRANCE EXAM IS
REQUIRED- SEE
APPLICATION
PACKET**

NRV Agency providers please see your agency's training officer for an application packet. For providers outside the NRV please, contact Mike Garnett at mgarnett@wvems.org for application.

****APPLICATION
DEADLINE IS
AUGUST 19, 2016****

Emergency Department News

ED News from Julie McElwee



Julie McElwee, BSN, RN
Director of Emergency Services

RENOVATIONS—Renovations to the ED are expected to begin within the next six months. Due to increased patient volume over the last two years, the LGHM Administrative team is allocating resources to upgrade the radiology equipment currently used in the ED, adding four additional patient rooms, restructuring the ED triage/lobby area, and creating a dedicated EMS room (that will not be shared with room 16). EMS personnel will be notified of any facility entry point changes.



ED Director, Dr. E. Sciuлло

In April 2016, the Emergency Department (ED) welcomed Dr. Edmund Sciuлло as the ED Medical Director. Dr. Sciuлло has 12 years of ED experience. He completed his undergraduate degree at Radford University. Dr. Sciuлло received his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June 1999, and completed an Internship and Residency in Emergency/Internal Medicine at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, OH.

He's worked at Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, Memorial Hospital in Ohio, Milford Memorial Hospital, and Kent General Hospital in Delaware. He's held positions as Medical Director, and Assistant Medical Director. Dr. Sciuлло most recently served as the Emergency Department Medical Director at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Sciuлло!

EMS Community News

SHAWSVILLE VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD HOSTS EMS AND CHILDREN'S OPEN HOUSE

It was a day of learning and fun for those who visited Shawsville Rescue Squad during their EMS and Children's Open House on May 14, 2016. Community members toured the building



Shawsville Rescue Squad's EMS and Children's Open House

and ambulances, had their blood pressure checked, and met several of the rescue squad members. Those who were interested were encouraged to complete a membership application.

CONGRATULATIONS BLACKSBURG VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD!



Open House at 1300 Progress Street NW, Blacksburg

On May 15, 2016, Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad (BVRS) celebrated the grand opening of its new station at 1300 Progress Street NW, Blacksburg, VA. As the organization and community it serves grew, so did the needs of the organization. BVRS welcomes you to stop by to see their new home!

RINER RESCUE—STANDBY FOR BLUE RIDGE CHURCH KIDS' ADVENTURE CAMP

Riner Rescue Squad was present and ready to help their community. They provided standby services during the Blue Ridge Church's Kids' Adventure Camp held at Sinkland Farms, Riner, VA.



*Ambulance standby provided by Riner Rescue:
Matthew Sligh, Tammie Dobbins, Jason Dobbins*



*Inquisitive camper, Kaden,
explores Riner's ambulance*

Camp Montgomery

LewisGale Hospital Montgomery sponsors and hosts several community outreach programs throughout the year. Most recently, "Camp Montgomery" was held. The program is designed to introduce middle school students to the healthcare profession through a week of hospital-type activities.

Through exploration of the hospital, its different departments, and multiple facets of the healthcare professions, it is hoped that participants will be inspired to pursue a career in the healthcare field. When the kids have their emergency department rotation, they are introduced to the ED and prehospital emergency care.

Blacksburg Rescue Squad assisted the ED by giving a tour of their ambulance. EMS providers taught participants how to safely strap and secure someone to a backboard. Kids then demonstrate the skills they have learned by racing to appropriately and successfully strap teammates to a backboard. Then, participants have to turn backboarded teammates on to their sides without dropping them.



Devin LaPuasa, ED RN, and Mary VanSteenberghe, ED RN and Blacksburg Rescue Squad member, assist campers

EFFORT Program

On July 16, 2016, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department hosted the Enabling Friends for Our Response Teams (EFFORT) program. Participants of various ages and special needs learned how to call 911 and administer first aid, and they went through an obstacle course. The goal was to familiarize special needs participants with EMS, Fire, and Police so the participants have a positive image of first responders and, in cases of emergency, are not afraid of the first responders. EMS, Fire, and Police personnel from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Riner, Pulaski County, and Virginia Tech participated in the event held at Christiansburg High School.

CHRISTIANSBURG RESCUE SQUAD PARTICIPATES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY EFFORT EVENT

Ambulance tours, self-lifting cot operation demos, talking with participants, and providing hot dogs were all in a day's work for Christiansburg Rescue Squad members as they joined oth-



Rhonda Hall, Rebecca King-Harris, and Bobbie Wines provided hotdogs during the EFFORT event



Christiansburg Rescue Squad EFFORT participants: Taylor Huffman, Sarah Vallejo, Toby Akers, and Matt Powell

Spotlight: Norma Carroll, Volunteer Services



EMS Week Picnic raffle drawing—Norma Carroll, Dr. Fowlkes, Lynn Baluh

Many of you may recognize Norma Carroll as one of the friendly volunteers who greets and helps you as you enter LewisGale Hospital Montgomery.

Mrs. Carroll has served as a dedicated volunteer at the hospital for over 16 years. For many EMS personnel, she is also known for her work with the Christiansburg Rescue Squad Auxiliary and Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary.

Mrs. Carroll extended her kindness during the EMS Week Picnic and performed the honor of drawing the EMS Week raffle winners.

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