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Beaufort County Council Recognizes EMS Professionals

Recently, Beaufort County Council issued a proclamation formally recognizing Beaufort County's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals and the critical roles they play on the front line of pre-hospital emergency medical care and transportation in our community every day.

"I would like to personally thank all of our EMS personnel who work around the clock serving Beaufort County. First responders are critical in emergency situations and we are fortunate to have exceptional professionals who are dedicated to saving lives and keeping our residents safe," said Beaufort County Council Chairman Paul Sommerville.

Beaufort County's EMS Program, which began in 1974, was established to replace an emergency service system operated by several funeral homes, with a county-operated system of professional paramedics supported with the equipment and supplies necessary to handle a wide variety of emergency situations. Today, the County's EMS professionals are highly-trained, with a well-equipped ambulance service and state-of-the-art equipment, including the LUCAS Chest Compression System, a safe, reliable and efficient tool that standardizes chest compressions in cardiac arrest situations.

"It is important to recognize these everyday heroes as they risk their lives day in and day out to protect our entire community," said Beaufort County Administrator Gary Kubic. "The men and women who serve in our EMS Department do so with compassion, dedication, and professionalism. Beaufort County is a much safer place to live, thanks to their daily execution of courage and skill. We thank Beaufort County Council for helping to bring more awareness to these extraordinary professionals."

In 2014, Beaufort County EMS received 15,664 calls for service. Beaufort County EMS also provides a variety of public outreach services, including free blood pressure screenings and car seat fittings. Additionally, EMS has special medic teams to cover events ranging from local festivals to disaster recovery or catastrophic events.



EMS Walkaround Video by The County Channel