

# Citizens Memorial Hospital Pre-Hospital Newsletter

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## Words From Neal T.

We are about to begin the summer busy time. Camp grounds will fill up. Boat traffic on the lakes will be crazy. Summer activates will begin. The population in our 4 county service area on big weekend will come close to doubling. Every year we rise to the occasion, and I am confident will do so again this year. As we get busier, remember to keep situational awareness and be **prepared to help** as you travel about our service area. **Check in with counties as you pass through and monitor radio traffic.** Team work improves patient outcomes and that is our goal.

As Paramedics when we think of giving exceptional care of a patient, we think of assessing the situation, assessing the patient, treating the patient to make them better, making a differential diagnosis and transporting them to the correct hospital the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

What makes the patient think they have received exceptional care?  
How does the patient assess you and the job we do?

We need to be **confident**. We need to be a **positive presence**. We need a **good bedside manner**. We need to be **good listeners**. We need to be **nonjudgmental**. We need to **take care of why they called us**. Also remember the little things. A **kind word, assurance, keeping concerned loved ones informed, taking care of patient belongings, locking a door**. Remember to use rolling ADIET as you progress through the transport is one way to be a positive helpful presence.

Demonstrate professionalism in all you do. Look sharp and be sharp.

As EMS professionals we focus on taking care of our patient. We forget ourselves. Remember to take time for yourself. Good nutrition, adequate rest, be active and take time to decompress helps our overall health. We need to take care of the care giver and that is us.

I like to remind employee of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). 1-800-624-5544 The program is familiar of the needs of healthcare providers. It is Ok to call the EAP. It is there for you to use. We need to be OK with helping ourselves.

Thank you for all you do.

Be safe,

Neal T.



# News From Beautiful Stockton Lake

I hope and pray everyone had a great April and you are looking forward to summer, which is quickly approaching. Don't forget to keep blankets on your truck since it is still getting cool at night.

**Personnel:** I just wanted to take a moment and let everyone know that **Stormy Mixon** has tendered his resignation as Full Time EMT in Eldorado Springs effective May 08th. He and his family will be moving to Texas to start another chapter in their life, he will be greatly missed, we hope him and his new family the best in their new adventures, On April 23<sup>rd</sup> Stormy had to have emergency surgery for his appendix, it was a long surgery so please keep him in your prayers, with that being said, CMH has went ahead and released Stormy so he can get all his benefits do to him and be home to pack and get ready to move since he was going to be off for 4 – 6 wks after surgery. **Taylor McKlentic** has accepted the Eldorado Springs EMT full time position left open from Stormy leaving, we will now be looking at filling the Cedar County EMT Float position going forward.

**CCAD Board:** After their last meeting the board approved to purchase a power washer for the Stockton station, it been delivered and maintenance has been over and installed the unit. If you fill in please have one of the full time staff show you how to operator the unit. Board also voted to purchase a 3 year extended warranty for the Lucas II units. We are getting closer to getting all the kicks fixed in the new station, with only a few weeks left till the 1 year anniversary of the new building, we are trying to get all these turned into the contractor before he is released and any issues become our problem.

**Operations:** The info below came across my desk some time back.

## **Tips for better patient care documentation:**

**1. Write it down.** We document so we can record, in near real time, the condition of the patient as we found them, the treatments provided, and the patient's response to those treatments. We also record for research purposes, quality improvement, and reimbursement. In another words, there are reasons why documentation is important. Oh, one more reason - because we have to! All states require documentation of health care, including interventions by first responders or paramedics on fire departments.

**2. Be consistent.** There are a variety of mnemonics for documentation — ICHART, and SOAP are just two of them. There isn't only one specific way to document. However, the "best" way is to use the same technique consistently. Don't change it just because you don't transport a patient, or if it's a BLS versus ALS patient. The more consistent you are, the less likely that you will forget anything.

**3. Record your uh-ohs.** Don't let unusual circumstances or events drop off your memory radar. You may have had an extended ETA or on scene time, experienced equipment failure, an unruly patient who made it difficult to record your first set of vital signs or a patient refused transport. Record that information. In the TRANSPORTATION section of HealthEMS, Factors Affection Delivery, has many options you can check to note these instances.

**4. Document the unthinkableables.** These are the cases that you're pretty certain will involve regulatory or law enforcement, such as abuse, neglect, rape, and violent crime. Take care to document what you saw and heard during these incidents. Police and social case workers will be very appreciative of your efforts.

## News From Beautiful Stockton Lake (continued)

**5. Write it down right away.** Most EMS systems have transitioned from paper to electronic documentation. This is great for data recording but they can be a challenge to use when trying to document care. While you may not be happy with this type of "progress", it makes sense that you become fully aware of what it produces for documentation after you enter in the information. Remember, it can become difficult to remember information after a call if you return to the station to document, rather than doing it right after the call. Jot down your times and other small bits of information to help jog your memory.

**6. Double check your work.** Before you submit the paperwork, review it. Does your story make sense? After all, remember who is going to read your PCR — physicians, nurses, and lawyers whose intent is to find out if you did anything wrong. Nothing sends up a red flag more quickly than to have a written form that is contradictory. Good documentation is good patient care.

### Did you know????

EMS week was a result of a 1974 Presidential Declaration,

Celebrating the (then) new and fledgling field of EMS?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women in our organization, for their exceptional service to our communities.

### THANK YOU

For all you do!

### More Springtime Fun! Birds tweeting, bugs, vegetation revival, and Severe Weather!!

Anyone that knows me knows that I have a crazy obsession with Severe Weather. Whether it's a blizzard with 2 feet of snow in December or tornadoes and monsoon rains in April, I get excited when the mere mention of such a possibility happens. Lightning, hail, high winds and other severe weather all demand respect and can cause severe damage which is not good for crops, property and people's wellbeing. That is obviously not what I enjoy about it. I think the reason it excites me is because I know how awesome Mother Nature's power is. Now before you start pointing fingers at me and calling me a "sick person that enjoys seeing peoples' lives ruined" I can assure you that I do not enjoy or wish to see anybody's life affected in a negative way during an adverse weather event. I'm assuming I'm infected with the same thing storm chasers have..... Severe weather is awe inspiring and spectacular to witness to say the least. I'm sure some of you still think I'm *nuts*, hopefully a few of you are nodding your head in agreement.

## News From Beautiful Stockton Lake (continued)

Whether or not you enjoy or despise weather in its more dominant form, it is a reality in the lives of all of us in Missouri, especially in the spring time! Weather in Missouri constantly decides to swing chaotically from warm too cold to snow to tornadoes all in a 4 hour period, I have always said if you don't like our weather wait an hour it will change, or so it seems and sometimes it's hard to keep track of what is going on. Fortunately we have warning systems in place now and a network of trained weather spotters to help give advance warnings of severe and potentially dangerous weather. It is important to have a plan in place for how to react to potential severe weather and another plan for what to do in the event of a natural disaster, whether it is destruction from a flood or a twister, like the one that struck Stockton or Joplin. Hopefully you have a plan of what to do during severe watches, warnings, and in the aftermath of such an event when you're at home with your family or with your coworkers on the job. If you don't I would recommend that you come up with plans for your family to help keep them safe during severe weather. Another thing to consider and have a plan for is what the role of your Ambulance is if your response area experiences a weather event of biblical proportions. Obviously if there are injuries or other skilled needs that fire and EMS crews are needed for you will be paged out, but what about preparedness. Do you and your partner know what to do? And know what the plan is? Waiting till it's here, is too late. Everyone needs to be looking or asking now before another Stockton or Joplin occur.

Thanks for ALL you do for CMH and please watch your Partners back and be SAFE

Tom Ryan Operations Mgr Cedar County

# Polk County Chatter

Spring is upon us and with spring comes severe storms. With that being said, I would like to review what to do if we are under a **Tornado warning**. If a storm that has a tornado warning attached is moving toward the Bolivar area we are to vacate the station and head north or south of the storm. Meaning getting far enough to be out of the warned areas. The reason we prefer this to happen is we do not want ambulances damaged or stuck and unable to get out of the garage. We would rather be up and running to come back and take care of patients. The Joplin Tornado had a fire station take a direct hit, the truck was damaged and unable to leave the station. That was, luckily, the only station and truck that was disabled. All of our trucks and equipment are housed in one spot. We do not want that happening to our crews, trucks or equipment.

I have talked about this subject before, what bothers me is I am still having to talk about it. **Cleaning up after yourself and cleaning your own dishes.** Yes, we do have house keeping that comes to our station and cleans up after us however I still see trash overflowing and I still see laundry overflowing. I also see dishes not getting done. People are tired of cleaning up after you. If you use the dishes to have lunch clean them as soon as your lunch is over. If you throw something away and the trash is full, take the trash out. If you throw laundry out and the basket is full empty it. Two steps and you are at the laundry cart. If you see someone doing the right thing let them know you appreciate the effort. I know it's a small thing to do but people enjoy encouragement. I know we all know what is the right thing to do but I see that the right thing to do is not always being done. I challenge each and everyone of you to change today's culture by doing the right thing with being told to do it. **Clean up after yourself if probably the easiest part of your job.**

May 22nd we have an all county staff meeting in Polk county and I encourage everyone to attend. We will have a speaker from Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis coming to present an in service regarding a child that lives in the Polk County. This child requires specialized care which we will be learning about. After the staff meeting Jay Fry will have hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill for lunch to celebrate EMS week. Please bring a covered dish to share. I would like to see everyone attend.

I am needing people to come see me who are interested in reviewing EMS charts, it will be a part of the QA process in which we have tweaked a little. I really think this will help everyone with their own charting and learning of the protocols. If you are interested we will not just throw you out there to start reviewing, I will sit down with you and show you how to review and what we are looking for. I looking forward to hearing from you all.

Aaron Weaver, Paramedic

Polk County Operations  
Manager

CMH EMS

**Sodium Bicarb** is one of the medications that is on back order in PREFILL form. We do have a 50ml vial of the medication we have received from the Pharmacy. We will be adding a 60ml syringe with this vial of medication. We will draw up the 50ccs and give it just like a PREFILL. If you have any questions feel free to contact Aaron Weaver.

## **EPI SHORTAGE!**

we have an EPI 1;1000 ampules secure with a 10cc flush with normal saline

# Hickory County Updates

April showers bring May flowers so the story goes. May also will bring us National EMS APPRECIATION WEEK!

**EMS week runs May 19 to May 25<sup>th</sup>.** Each of you bring so many good things to the table that makes this station a great place to work. CMH could not ask for better crew member's to work here. It is not a rarity anymore when I stop in at a store or get stopped along the street when in uniform that I hear how a crew saved their life or a family member's life, or how they were treated with such compassion by our crews. They may not remember your name or what county or station your work in, but they did remember how they or their family member were cared for. This speaks volumes for all of you in every county that CMH covers. **THANK YOU** for doing such a great job!

The national theme this year for EMS week is "**Beyond the Call,**" and with that said, I want to thank each of you that have volunteered to help out with our **May 17<sup>th</sup> appreciation Taco dinner** that we will be holding here at the Hickory base for all of our support services in Hickory County. This is the first time we have ever done anything for them at this level so I hope that it will be a fabulous experience for everyone. So far we have had a good reception from everyone that has been contacted and a few surprised reactions on top of it all. We defiantly could not do our job effectively at times without assistance from all of them.

Mark your calendars also for the **ALL STAFF MEETING** being held down at the Bolivar Station on **May 22<sup>rd</sup>.** A potluck lunch will be following the staff meeting. Jay Fry will be grilling up hamburgers and hotdogs. We ask that everyone bring a side dish.

Easter weekend was crazy busy for us and we survived! We could not have done it without the help of our sister stations. Thank you Osceola and Polk County for the calls you covered. Warsaw Lincoln, Mercy, and Cox Air Care also assisted us with covering calls. It was excellent teamwork from everyone!

May is also going to be a busy month. There will be high school graduations, stand-by's, and our weekend visitors will be in full swing. We have already seen an increase in traffic on all our major roads. Please be extra cautious when pulling out onto 54 highway as it has been bumper to bumper traffic on the weekends lately.

We have hit a new record with getting our monthly Health Streams completed on time. I will need to double check but I believe this makes **6 months in a row.** **Keep up the good work!**

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# Hickory County Continued

I am going to start doing monthly staff meetings in Hickory County again. We will start in June and they will continue to be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month. Neal will still attend our every other month meetings like he has been. The off month will be all ours for those things we have run out of time for in our regular staff meetings. Short meeting with pass along updates then I would like to focus on training needs. If you have something/anything that you would like for us to go over as a group shoot me an email with ideas and suggestions. Pit crew CPR, IV pumps, things we do not use or do very often.

If you all get a chance and see Travis and Matt, please let them know how appreciative we have been with there work on our station. They have done a great job getting the repairs and the little things taken care of in a timely manner. They even fixed some things that were not on our list that they found while working on other needed repairs and continue to do so. AND we have new carpet to boot! One of the last things we had that needed replaced. I hope it holds up as long as the green carpet did. 22 years???!!!

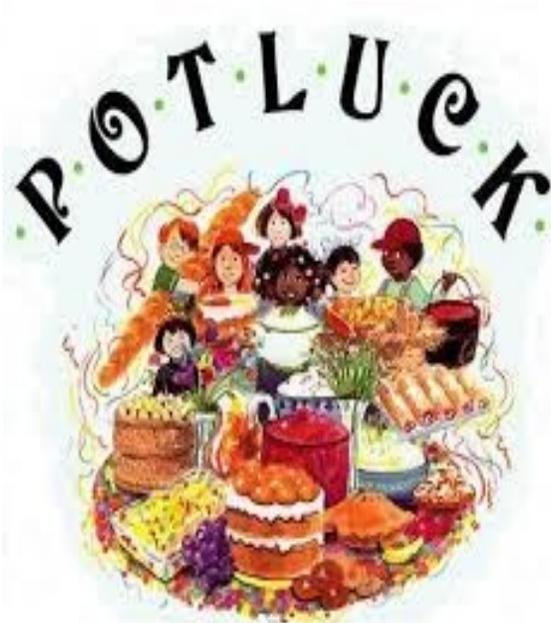
ALSO as big shout out to Kellie Burns Smith for getting her Paramedic License! CONGRATUATIONS!!!!!!

I will be gone for 2 weeks from April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup> as I have been accepted into a National Fire Academy Class at Emmitsburg, Maryland. Tom Liberty will be handling things at the station while I am gone. For any emergency notifications, please call the "On Call Manager." Neal is on call from April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Tom Ryan from May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>. I should be home by the evening night of May 10<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you check you timecards and if any fixes need to be made get with one of the managers for assistance.

Thank you again for everything that you do as you each are greatly appreciated in more ways than you will ever know! HAPPY EMS WEEK!!!!!!

Alice Roberts

Hickory County Operational Manager



Please join us on May 22nd, after the All Staff Meeting held at the Polk County Station for a Potluck Lunch!! Please bring a side dish. Jay Fry will be throwing hotdogs and hamburgers on the grill!! Bring the family and enjoy some yummy food and socializing!!  
Hope to see you there!!!

# Hello From St. Clair County!

As we continue to work and improve our overall patient care, please keep in mind that well written and well documented ePCR's are crucial to our success. Please be sure to be as accurate as possible even on PRC's and Standby's. One thing I have seen consistently on standby events is that they are not being marked as standbys. However, primary focus should always be on patient care and improving the outcome of our patients.

Recently had the opportunity to work alongside a crew from Warsaw / Lincoln EMS on a cardiac arrest. The crew was awesome and they had a LUCAS device which made the call all the more awesome.

One of the biggest things I hear from folks is complaints about things others are doing or not doing. How I wish we could all sweep off our own porches before we complain about the dust on our neighbors porch. We all have bad days, we all get complacent at times or drift if we want to call it that. Don't get me wrong, I want to hear concerns from people especially when it pertains to patient care, just be mindful that even though we have protocols, we each differ in how we achieve the results, bottom line is quality patient care. In relation to things that are not patient related, we all have room for improvement, if something isn't done, just fix it, it really isn't that difficult.

Seems like several of our Paramedic students are moving along on schedule, congrats to AJ and Kellie for their new titles, Emma is about to start her last 10 contacts, by the time this newsletter comes out she may be done. It has been a pleasure being a part of this journey with her. I wish the best for all the students and look forward to working with each of them.

John Frazer, Paramedic

St Clair County Operations Manager

CMH EMS



Congrats Kellie Burns-Smith **\*\*FINALLY\*\*** & A.J Sherrer on becoming Paramedics!! We are very proud of your hard work & dedication!!

# Education and FTO Information

The FTO Corner:

**New Hire/On-Boarding process:** Theron and I have been building up our new software program, Platinum Planner™. With this new software package, which also includes an EMS Testing™ component the Education Department will be better suited in obtaining the correct documentation for the on-boarding process. Now that the process has two tracks, a normal 90-Day and a shortened 45-Day track for full-time, experienced new hires, the EMS On-Boarding process should be better streamlined and documented.

**Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP):** Now that we have added this new software package, all current and future FTO's will be required to attend a two-hour long on-line training class on the use of the software. This new software will allow the FTO to rate and complete the paperwork, for both students and new-hires, directly from their smartphone. Theron and I will be conducting an experimental run through on the process, and once completed, and "tuned in", I'll release the on-line training portion for those to complete. My goal is to have this up and running by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Competencies:** March competencies, of Trauma and MCI were excellent! Thanks to Brice, Aaron, and Ryan for a great class. Also conducted was the roll-out for new equipment additions. The Roll-Out consisted of information on the ARS Decompression Needle, the HyFin Chest Seal, Decadron, and the variable adapter for CPAP. June is the next month for competencies, so don't forget to look at the Education schedule for dates and times. Cedar County Educators and FTO's it's your turn to shine! These are mandatory requirements, so pick a date and attend. *(Remember, if you are a certified EMS Educator, teaching competencies solves two vital functions, CEU's for the topic taught, plus CEU's for your Educator status. I encourage ALL our EMS Educators and FTO's to get involved in the process).*

Thanks!

Mike Minter, MsEd, Paramedic, I/C

CMH-EMS/Cedar County

*"Train Like You Plan to Treat"*

# EMS EDUCATION

## Summer Semester 2019

Date(s)	Wkdy	Times	Course Name	Instructors
May 6	Mon	9a-5p	Basic Rhythm Identification	McDonald
May 9	Thu	2p-5p	Introduction to 12-Leads	McDonald
May 13	Mon	9a-5p	Cardiovascular Emergencies (part 1 of 4)	Becker
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>7a-8p</b>	<b>CMH EMS Education Advisory Board Meeting</b>	
May 16	Thu	2p-5p	Cardiovascular Emergencies (part 2 of 4)	Becker
May 20	Mon	9a-5p	Cardiovascular Emergencies (part 3 of 4)	John Best, MD
May 23	Thu	2p-5p	Cardiovascular Emergencies (part 4 of 4)	Becker
May 27	Mon		Memorial Day (No Classes)	
May 30	Thu	2p-5p	Congestive Heart Failure	Kyla Inman, NPC
<b>Jun 3 &amp; 10</b>	<b>Mon &amp; Mon</b>	<b>9a-5p</b>	<b>AHA Advanced Cardiac Life Support</b>	<b>Linda Taylor, RN</b>
Jun 6	Thu	2p-5p	Pre-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Management	Becker
<b>Jun 11 &amp; 12</b>	<b>Tue &amp; Wed</b>	<b>8a-5p</b>	<b>Bleeding Control &amp; NAEMT Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support</b>	<b>Becker, Young</b>
Jun 13	Thu	2p-5p	Neurologic Emergencies	Becker
<b>Jun 17 &amp; 18</b>	<b>Mon &amp; Tue</b>	<b>8a-5p</b>	<b>NAEMT Advanced Medical Life Support</b>	<b>Daniel Kemp, NRP</b>
Jun 20	Thu	2p-5p	Neurologic Emergencies	Becker
Jun 24	Mon	9a-5p	Ears, Nose, and Throat Emergencies	Becker
Jun 27	Thu	2p-5p	Abdominal and Gastrointestinal Emergencies	Becker
Jul 1	Mon	9a-5p	Genitourinary and Renal Emergencies	Becker
Jul 4	Thu		Independence Day (No Classes)	
Jul 8	Mon	9a-5p	Endocrine Emergencies	Becker
<b>Jul 9</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>9a-1p</b>	<b>EMS Competencies Option 1 (Topic TBA)</b>	<b>Hickory &amp; St Clair FTOs</b>
<b>Jul 9</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>6p-10p</b>	<b>EMS Competencies Option 2 (Topic TBA)</b>	<b>Hickory &amp; St Clair FTOs</b>
Jul 11	Thu	2p-5p	Gynecologic Emergencies	Becker
<b>Jul 15</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>9a-5p</b>	<b>Hazmat Medic</b>	<b>Mike Schultz, NRP</b>
<b>Jul 16</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>9a-1p</b>	<b>EMS Competencies Option 3 (Topic TBA)</b>	<b>Hickory &amp; St Clair FTOs</b>
<b>Jul 18</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>6p-10p</b>	<b>EMS Competencies Option 4 (Topic TBA) [Stockton EMS Station]</b>	<b>Hickory &amp; St Clair FTOs</b>
Jul 18	Thu	2p-5p	Immunologic Emergencies	Becker
Jul 22	Mon	9a-5p	Hematologic Emergencies	Becker
Jul 25	Thu	2p-5p	Toxicology	Young
Jul 29	Mon	9a-5p	Infectious Diseases	Becker
Aug 1	Thu	2p-5p	Psychiatric Emergencies	Joy Murphy, PsyD
<b>Aug 5</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>9a-5p</b>	<b>NAEMT Psychological Trauma in EMS Patients</b>	<b>Young</b>
Aug 8	Thu	2p-5p	Cardiology / ACLS Review	Becker
<b>Aug 13 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Tue &amp; Wed</b>	<b>8a-5p</b>	<b>NAEMT EMS Safety, Traffic Incident Management, &amp; NAEMT Emergency Vehicle Operator Safety</b>	<b>Flynn, Becker, Young</b>
Aug 26 - Aug 30			Fall Break (No Classes)	

All courses require completion of a registration application.

Application deadline is **two weeks** prior to the start date of the course unless otherwise specified.

All course locations are CMH EMS Headquarters (1525 N Oakland, Bolivar, MO) unless otherwise specified.



For more information: [theron.becker@citizensmemorial.com](mailto:theron.becker@citizensmemorial.com)

Full training calendar and registration form can be found here:

[www.ozarksems.com/education.php](http://www.ozarksems.com/education.php)



# Health and Safety Tips

Well, it is time for the May flowers since have been through the April showers. Speaking of things that happened in April; congratulations to AJ for becoming a Missouri Paramedic. AJ has one month under his belt now. Give AJ a high-five with your left hand, so he can see it coming. Solid work AJ, great job getting everything knocked out quickly!

In a more somber tone my full-time partner, John Smith is still healing and dealing with an on-the-job back injury. Please keep John in your thoughts and prayers as he heals and gets stronger. As a reminder, if you have an injury or are assaulted while on the job, no matter how small, please report it so you can get the medical care you need.

As we have made it to May that also brings us to EMS Week on May 19-25. The theme for this year is "Beyond the Call" and the focus for each of the days are as follows:

- Monday - EMS Education Day
- Tuesday - Safety Tuesday
- Wednesday - EMS for Children Day
- Thursday - Stop the Bleed Day
- Friday - EMS Recognition Day

I encourage each of you to visit [emsstrong.org](http://emsstrong.org) and read some articles on there about members of our profession that have gone beyond the call. I can think of many of you, just the situations I know of, where you went beyond the call to help the people of our community. Thank you.

Remember that every safety decision you make matters. Keep yourself and your partner safe.

Thank you

Brice Flynn  
NRP, I/C, AAS, BA  
Health and Safety Chief  
CMH EMS  
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SAVE A LIFE

# The History of May

1494 During his second journey of exploration in the New World, Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica

1607 The first permanent English settlement in America was established in Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.

1707 Great Britain was formed from a union between England and Scotland.

1783 The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* became the 1st daily newspaper published in America.

1787 The Constitutional Convention began in Philadelphia with delegates from 7 states forming a quorum.

1796 Smallpox vaccine was developed by Dr Edward Jenner.

1804 Lewis & Clark departed St Louis on their expedition to explore the Northwest. They arrived at the Pacific coast of Oregon in November 1807 and returned to St Louis in September 1806.

1846 Pres. James Polk declared war on Mexico, which led to the annexation of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah & Colorado. The war ended 1848 with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

1844 Samuel Morse sent the 1st official telegraph saying "What hath God wrought" from the Capitol building in D.C to Baltimore.

May 5th Celebrated in Mexico, Cinco de Mayo, a national holiday in remembrance of the Battle of Puebla in 1862, in which Mexican troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza, outnumbered 3 to 1, defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III

1862 President Lincoln signed the Homestead Act opening millions of acres of government owned land in the West to "homesteaders" who could acquire up to 160 acres by living on the land and cultivating it for 5 years and paying \$1.25 per acre!!

1875 the 1st Kentucky Derby horse race took place at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

1881 The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton.

1893 The Wall Street Crash of 1893 began as stock prices fell dramatically. But the end of the year, 600 banks closed and several big railroads were in receivership. This was the worst economic crisis in U.S history up to that time.

1922 the Lincoln Memorial in D.C was dedication.

1927 Charles Lingberg, 25, left Roosevelt Field, Long Island, in the Spirit of St Louis, flew the 1st nonstop flight between New York City & Paris. 33 hours and 3,600 miles later, he landed in Paris.

1932 Amelia Earhart became the 1st woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

1937 George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey in London. He reigned until his death in 1952, at which time he was succeeded by his daughter, Elizabeth, the current reigning monarch.

1937 The Golden Gate Bridge was opened.

1942 During WWII, an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties in the Women's Auxillary Army Corps, the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Services, Women's Auxillary Ferrying Squadron, and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service, the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corp.

1954 *Brown v. Board of Education*; the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that segregation of public schools "solely on the basis of race" denied black child "equal educational opportunity" even though "physical facilities and other 'tangible' factors may have been equal. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." Thurgood Marshall had argued the case before the Court. He went on to become the 1st African American appointed to the Supreme Court.

1961 Alan Shepard was the 1st American in Space. He piloted spacecraft Freedom 7 during a 15 minute 28 second suborbital flight that reached an altitude of 116 miles above the earth.

1980 Mount St Helens volcano erupted in southwestern Washington State spewing steam and ash over 11 miles into the sky. This was the 1st major eruption since 1857

1981 Pope John Paul II was shot twice at close range while riding in an open automobile in St Peter's Square in Rome. The Pope recovered and later held a private meeting with the would-be assassin and then publicly forgave him.

1992 the 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, prohibiting Congress from giving itself pay raises.

1994 Former political prisoner, Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as president of South Africa.

1792 24 merchants and brokers established the NY Stock Exchange.

2011 U.S Special Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid in Abbottabad, Pakistan

1829 Florence Nightgale was born in Florence, Italy on May 12  
Psychoanalysis founder, Sigmund Freud was born May 6th, 1856

May 8th, 1884 Harry S Truman was born in Lamar, Missouri

May 29th, 1917 John F Kennedy, the 35th President, was born in Brookline, Mass. HE was the youngest President and 1st Roman Catholic. He was assassinated in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963

**Happy Birthday!!!**  
**Happy Anniversary!!!**

**BIRTHDAYS!!!**

May 9th Robert Frye

May 18th Kevin Schoen

May 18th Christina Akins

May 31st Steve Keller

**Anniversaries!!**

Lucas Weaver 9 Years!

Tim Bradley 7 Years!

Allison Young 3 Years!

**Celebrate**

In many Staff Meetings and Newsletters cleaning up after ourselves has been addressed!! PLEASE pick up after yourself at the end of your shift!! Throw away your trash, take your food out of the refrigerator, put your linens in the linen barrel in the bay, wash your dishes!! If the trash is full, take it out and place a new bag...then take said trash outside to the dumpster. Clean your belongings and trash out of the ambulances at the end of EVERY shift when you are washing and restocking! Place your radio on the charger!!

Close the bay doors when you are leaving the station!

Let's all work together and keep our stations clean and safe of hazards!!

