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Knox County Hospital District Celebrates 50th Anniversary of National EMS Week

Local Emergency Medical Professionals Honored for Lifesaving Service During Special Week

KNOX CITY, Texas (May 10, 2024) – As National EMS Week approaches its 50th year, Knox County Hospital District is proud to recognize the unwavering dedication of emergency medical professionals who stand ready to respond to crises 24/7.

National EMS Week, running from May 19 to May 25, holds special significance this year as it commemorates five decades of honoring the vital contributions of EMS personnel nationwide. This annual observance, coordinated by the American College of Emergency Physicians and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, serves as a tribute to the resilience and commitment of those who serve on the front lines of medical emergencies.

At the heart of Knox County's emergency medical services is a team of highly skilled individuals led by Logan Morrow, EMS Director at Knox County Hospital District. Reflecting on the critical role of EMS professionals, Morrow remarked, "Our EMS team is on the front lines when the unexpected happens. We are fortunate to have access to a highly trained team and a 24-hour emergency room to provide care when residents need it most."

The theme for this year's National EMS Week, "Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future," resonates deeply with the EMS community as it celebrates a half-century of progress and innovation in pre-hospital care. This milestone serves as a reminder of the dedication and sacrifices made by EMS professionals over the years, as well as the ongoing commitment to excellence in patient care.

In Knox County, the EMS team comprises 11 certified and licensed staff members who undergo rigorous training and education to ensure they are equipped to handle any medical emergency. These dedicated individuals hold certifications in Basic Life Support CPR, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, demonstrating their commitment to providing the highest standard of care to their community.

The EMS team at Knox County Hospital District works seamlessly with the Level IV Trauma Center at Knox County Hospital in Knox City, ensuring that patients receive comprehensive care from the moment of injury or illness through their journey to recovery. "You never know when or where an emergency will

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happen," remarked Morrow. "The ability to provide prompt care is key when minutes can be the difference between life and death. Having a robust EMS team here in the community is a lifesaver."

As part of National EMS Week, Knox County Hospital District invites the community to join in honoring the dedication and sacrifice of local EMS professionals. Whether responding to a traffic accident, a medical emergency, or a natural disaster, these heroes are always prepared to answer the call for help. Their commitment to saving lives and improving outcomes is an inspiration to us all.

For more information about local EMS services and other healthcare offerings, please visit the Knox County Hospital District website at www.knoxhospital.org. For all medical emergencies, always call 911.

About Knox County Hospital District

Founded in 1926, Knox County Hospital District provides healthcare for residents of Knox County and surrounding areas. The district offers a wealth of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, advanced radiology services, a clinical laboratory, home health, physical therapy, long-term care, patient education, and more. For additional information, please call 940-657-3535 or visit www.knoxhospital.org.

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