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Knox County EMS Team Celebrated for Courage and Compassion

During EMS Week, May 18–24, KCHD honors those who serve

KNOX CITY, Texas (May 16, 2025) — When lives are on the line and every second matters, emergency medical services (EMS) professionals’ step forward—day or night, rain or shine. From accidents on the road to health crises in the home, the EMS team at Knox County Hospital District (KCHD) delivers expert care where it’s needed most.

This year, National EMS Week will be observed from May 18 to May 24 with the theme: *We Care. For Everyone.* That message captures the spirit of EMS teams across the nation—and right here in Knox County.

“Our EMS professionals are the first to respond in the most critical moments,” said Stephen Kuehler, CEO of KCHD. “They meet people in every circumstance—with skill, speed, and deep compassion. The 2025 EMS Week theme, *We Care. For Everyone*, perfectly reflects the work they do every day for our communities.”

EMS Week is coordinated nationally by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) in partnership with the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT). The goal is to recognize the vital role EMS teams play in healthcare and public safety while raising awareness about their training, commitment, and the critical services they provide.

Here in Knox County, KCHD’s EMS team includes eight highly trained and certified professionals. These dedicated individuals are licensed as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and paramedics, and they undergo continual education to remain at the top of their field. All staff are certified in Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS). Every two years, they complete emergency vehicle operations training and participate in local disaster and trauma response drills.

“Every EMS call is different,” said Logan Morrow, EMS Director at KCHD. “Sometimes it’s a fall, sometimes it’s a severe crash. But in every case, we respond quickly, calmly, and with one purpose—to help someone through their worst moment.”

Whether responding to a stroke, heart attack, traumatic injury, or breathing emergency, EMS professionals provide care at the scene and in route to the hospital. In many cases, their early interventions are the difference between life and death.

“They’re the critical link between the 911 call and the emergency room,” said Kuehler. “They begin

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lifesaving care before a patient even reaches the hospital—and they do so with professionalism, empathy, and unwavering focus.”

The KCHD EMS team works closely with the Level IV trauma center at Knox County Hospital, ensuring a seamless continuum of care. By communicating vital information from the field to hospital staff, EMS professionals help physicians and nurses prepare for each patient’s arrival, improving outcomes and saving precious time.

But their role doesn’t stop with emergency calls. KCHD’s EMS team is also involved in the community, offering CPR classes, participating in local safety events, and helping residents prepare for emergencies.

“We don’t stop at the ambulance doors,” said Morrow. “We believe in showing up, educating, and being part of the bigger picture of community health. That’s what *We Care. For Everyone* means to us—it’s about presence, not just response.”

That visibility makes a difference in rural communities like Knox County, where EMS teams often serve as both healthcare providers and trusted neighbors.

“You might see one of our paramedics at the grocery store, the football game, or the school fundraiser,” said Kuehler. “They are woven into the fabric of our towns, and that local connection strengthens the care they provide.”

EMS Week is a time for the community to reflect on that care and express gratitude for the professionals who carry it out.

“These men and women answer the call when we need them most,” Kuehler added. “This week is a chance to recognize their selflessness and to thank them for the incredible service they provide.”

KCHD encourages residents to thank an EMS professional this week with a kind word, a note of appreciation, or even a social media shoutout. It’s a small gesture that means a lot to the people who show up when it matters most.

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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