

The Page-out



Glacier County EMS Newsletter

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Web Update

Captain Starr has taken over the webmaster duties with the department's website. It will soon have a new look to it. Let him know if you have any ideas of news for it.

You've Been Carded

The time has come to renew everyone's issued ID card, as all of our ID's have an expiration date. It was decided to take the opportunity and update the design of our cards. We decided to go with a vertical design rather than the former horizontal one. The new ones stand out more and have our department colors in them. Many find vertical cards wear better and do not get in the way as much. We hope you like the new design, which was developed by EMS 2.



One possible graphic concept

Website Gets a New Look

EMS-2 has taken over the webmaster duties for the department website. If you have been to the site since May 14th, you will notice a completely new look. The site features new photos, new pages, and an overall fresh start. Some of the new pages include an employment page, a more detailed training division page with a training bulletin board where upcoming training is listed. As before, web surfers can also view back issues of our newsletter as well as view our protocols. So far, the numbers look promising. Since the new site has gone online, the previous record for hits in one day has more than doubled. The site will be updated several times per week, and if anyone has any ideas or photos, let EMS-2 know.

Possible Graphic Changes

As we look at starting the process of "specing" out our next truck, we are also looking at changing the graphics of our fleet slightly. Not to worry, we're not changing our logo, which is adored by about everyone on our department. We are however, looking at changing our striping slightly. The present look is clean and noticeable, but some minor striping changes may be in order just for the sake of progression. Small changes also keep people "on their toes" and may catch their attention when they realize there is something different. Some of the possible arrangements will be posted on the bulletin board at station 1. Old designs will not be changed, just new trucks.

Back to the Basics

The first responder class concluded with their last being held on May 19th. Three people attended the class, which was taught by Training Officer Brian Williams. An EMT-basic class has now been organized, and will start on May 29th. All who successfully complete the FR course are encouraged to take part in the EMT course. For information about helping as lab assistant, see EMS 33.

Fiscal Year Ends June 30th

The budget year will draw to a close on June 30th. All claim forms for meal reimbursements or other expenses need to be turned in before the end of the budget year if you are to be paid. There will be a posting of the deadline as it grows nearer.



A4 back home at station #1

Awards Banquet

The 2007 awards banquet was a success. Many agreed that the steak was the best they had had in awhile. Many awards were given out, some were official, others entertaining. The following were awarded at the dinner:

EMS Provider of the Year: Angie Eppinger

Meritorious Service Award: Angie Eppinger

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**Certificates of Appreciation: Floyd Peterson
Angie Eppinger**

Cabelas Award: Michele Anderson-Laidlaw

**K.G. Building Award: Kyle Starr
Angie Eppinger**

**Long Ranger Award: Floyd Peterson
Garrett Cameron**

Numb Bum Award: Floyd Peterson

FART Award: Angie Eppinger

Empty Bed Award: Floyd Peterson

EMS Widow Award: Randy Eppinger

Radio Shack Award: Angie Eppinger

The awards have also been posted on the department website. Congratulations to all, keep up the good work in 2007! Thank you to EMS-1 for providing the steaks and the prizes. Thank you to everyone who brought food. The awards banquet is always something to look forward to.

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New Web Page Meant to Help PT Medics

A new page has been added to the GCEMS website. The page, the PT Paramedics Page, lists current open slots on the current schedule, allowing them the convenience of being able to view our schedule openings at their convenience. If they wish to work one of the days, there is a link to EMS-1's email address on the page. The page will be updated regularly, and will display the date and time it was last updated. Hopefully this will help us fill openings on our schedule with minimal phone calls. Part-timers, please check the page often if you want to pick up extra shifts.

Station #2 Construction Hits Snag

The construction of the new station 2 may be held up for a bit due to some findings by the surveyor. There appears to be an issue regarding the property it sits on not being part of the county lots that Glacier County owns. Chief Laidlaw is looking into options in hopes that construction of the new station can go ahead this year.



EMT/B Sherrie Murphy, our newest paid-on-call EMT. She is EMS-43.

Paramedic Williams Completes Critical Care Course

On May 14th, Paramedic Brian Williams successfully completed the critical care course that was being taught in Kalispell. While not the UMBC accredited program, the course covered the same curriculum. Some of the topics included blood administration, advanced pharmacology, cardiology, 12-lead EKG interpretation, specialty medical transports, flight physiology, and more. We can now proudly say that all of our full-time paramedics, and two of our part-time paramedics are now critical care paramedics. Congratulations Brian.

New EMT Joins GCEMS

We are glad to welcome EMT/B Sherrie Murphy to the team. Sherrie is a FT trooper with the MHP, and has previous EMT experience. Welcome aboard!



Look for a staff-only section on the web site in the near future.

Safety Corner

Did you know that Montana ranks #1 in motorist fatalities due to hitting animals? I still see a lot of people driving way too fast at night, especially going on the animal-laden road to Kalispell. Let's all try to slow down a bit, for your safety and our patient's.