



FIRE SERVICE-BASED EMS ADVOCATES

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Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates Recognize National EMS Week

Monday May 18, 2009 marks the beginning of National EMS Week and presents an opportunity to honor the men and women who deliver pre-hospital 9-1-1 emergency medical care throughout the United States. This vital service is provided primarily by cross-trained multi-role emergency responders who are based in our nation's fire departments. Over the past 35 years, the fire service has been re-tooled to be an 'all hazards' responder including the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical care. Fire service-based EMS providers are located, trained, and equipped to provide virtually every community with timely pre-hospital 9-1-1 emergency medical response and patient care. Firefighter/EMTs and paramedics respond quickly, professionally, and compassionately in communities across the United States ...and they do it everyday...24/7.

The Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates coalition recognizes the life-saving contributions and achievements, as well as the dedication and commitment of those who serve in Fire Service-Based EMS systems. National EMS Week is a time to pause and say thank you to the entire EMS Community, including firefighter/EMTs and paramedics ...our nation's all hazards response professionals.

The Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates coalition, based in Washington, DC, provides Members of Congress and federal agencies with information they need to effectively support Fire Service-Based EMS systems throughout the nation. For more information about the Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates and how to join the coalition, visit www.fireserviceems.com.

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