Welcome Home Jonathan!

Please welcome SPC Jonathan Jefferson, EMT-P home from Iraq safely! Jonathan and his family have relocated to Charles County and are settling into their house in White Plains. Welcome home Jonathan!

- To everyone with a May birthday or anniversary, Happy Day!
We are honored and humbled that The United States Flag was flown over FOB Q-West, Iraq on April 1, 2008 for SPC Jonathan P. Jefferson on behalf of Charles County EMS. Jonathan brought the flag home and presented it to Chief Filer.

Welcome Emma!

Emma Louise Rogerson, born to Medic Trisha Rogerson and her husband, Grant 04/16/2008 at 13:33 hrs 6 Lbs 6 oz 20 inches long

Photos courtesy Trish Rogerson
New Light Duty Rescue
By Adam Weiss, Assistant Chief, TRT

On Thursday, March 6th 2008, members of the TRT Command Staff flew to the Rescue Vehicles of Iowa factory in Rock Rapids, Iowa to make a final inspection. On Tuesday, March 25, 2008, the TRT took delivery of their new custom built RVI Light Duty Rescue. The LDR sits on a 2007 Ford 550 XLT chassis. The new LDR, aka “Support Unit 16” will be utilized to carry tools, rope and confined space rescue gear, Hazmat/WMD CPC and the Powerhawk Damage Control Rescue System. new custom RVI Light Duty Rescue.

In September 2007 the Charles County Department of Emergency Services sent five employees to Palm Springs California to the International School of Tactical Medicine. EMS personnel, police officers and firefighters from the US, Northern Ireland and England were taught how to work in and around hostile environments and high risk situations such as warrants, barricades, raids, hostage situations, etc. They learned basic SWAT maneuvers, tactics and breaching and also performed BLS and ALS skills on people and animals under simulated fire in a hot zone. Part of the class was familiarization of Clan labs, WMD, and firearms use and knowledge as well as handling and firing a MP5 Sub Machine gun and a .40 cal Hand-gun. The class was taught by instructors from around the United States with several years of experience and expertise. The Charles County five graduated with the training and knowledge to be tactical medics. They returned from California to form a TEMS team to assist the Charles County Sheriff’s office with medical care during high risk situations. The TEMS team trains and drills with the CCSO EST Team on a regular basis and maintains the standards of the CCDES and CCSO requirements.
Supply Officer Notes
By Lt. Cherry

....About the windbreaker jackets that Aldo is stitching for people to purchase. A few employees expressed concern that if they wear this item it's not stated as an acceptable piece of clothing in our SOG's. The Chief’s say that it is acceptable to wear the jacket while on duty.

The end of the fiscal year is approaching so our budget is getting smaller. Please be mindful and try to cut back on waste as we wrap up our year. Everyone should now have pediatric nebulizer kits that look like dragons on their units. Hopefully this will make treating our little patients easier.

From the County...

As you may have already heard, Mr. William "Bill" Stephens has been appointed as Interim Director of the Charles County Department of Emergency Services. He is replacing Mr. Alex Naar. Mr. Stephens has a long and distinguished career both here in Charles County and in Myrtle Beach, SC where he served as Risk and Emergency Manager. The Board of Commissioners and I have full confidence in Mr. Stephens ability to lead our Department of Emergency Services. Therefore, during his tenure as Interim Director, we do not plan to search for a permanent replacement for this position.

I ask you to support Mr. Stephens in this new role and continue your own efforts to provide outstanding service to our citizens.

Thank you.

Paul W. Comfort, Esq.
Charles County Administrator

QUIZ OF THE MONTH:
“If your feet are on the street,”
THE PULSE
From the Office of Health and Safety
Extracted from Lt. Higgins’ 4-24-08 Safety Brief

Please remember to do your morning vehicle checks. These are for your safety. If you check it off on the sheet, please make sure you actually inspected that part. I’ve been finding some serious issues with vehicles lately that are being checked off as “OK” on the morning check-off. The issue is either the inspection is not actually being done, or some people just do not understand what they are looking at. If that is the case, please let me know and we will go over the inspection and its importance.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors
By Paul Lenharr, TRT

The Charles County Department of Emergency Services is pleased to issue each EMS crew a RAE Systems ToxiRAE3 Carbon Monoxide detector. These pager size units are full featured single gas carbon monoxide detectors. Due to the colorless, tasteless, and odorless nature of carbon monoxide, it poses a real threat to EMS crews as they enter enclosed structures to provide patient care.

With the crews carrying these units on every call, they reduce the risk of personal injury greatly. The Charles County Tactical Response team will monitor the periodical bump testing and calibration of these units using the RAE Systems AutoRAE Lite docking station. This station keeps detailed records of each unit to include serial numbers and bump test / calibration dates and readings.
THE PULSE

Dive Trip Gallery by Jason Hardesty
THE PULSE

EMS WEEK MAY 18-25

Emergency Medical Services Week, sponsored by the American College of Emergency Physicians brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." The dates for 2008 are May 18-24. Continuing the commitment to the safety of children, EMS Week will have a day dedicated to awareness of safety and injury prevention programs for children. ACEP has designated Wednesday, May 21, 2008, as EMS for Children Day. The Charles County Department of Emergency Services, Emergency Medical Services Division would like to bring EMS for Children Day to Charles County on Sunday, May 18, 2008. We will be at the Regency Furniture Stadium during the Blue Crabs game on Sunday, May 18, 2008 for a special Safety Day. We will be hosting a “Teddy Bear Clinic”, where we will have personnel help children “patch up” their worn or injured teddies. EMT's and Paramedics will show the children their ambulance, talk about safety and the 911 system and will bring goodies (stickers, coloring pages, fire hats, pencils). They will answer questions and will focus on injury prevention as we head into the summer season.

We hope that you will join us in our effort to prevent pediatric injuries and will come to the “Teddy Bear Clinic”
THE PULSE

CAUGHT IN THE ACT!
....of doing the right thing

“If your feet are on the street”.... you know the rest!

Photo courtesy Lt. Higgins

I SPY

To Whom it May Concern:
I wanted to send a quick email to express my gratitude for the services performed for my son on April 17. On that afternoon, I was loading food into my car and his left index finger got caught in the door, almost severing it. He is not even 2 years old and I was distraught. Not knowing what to do and panicking because of the blood and the accident, I called 911 and spoke with a very helpful person who quickly dispatched the ambulance to his aid. Michelle Mycka and Craig Parton attended to him and they were great. They got me to calm down and took great care of him. Craig patiently explained my options and answered all of my questions. They were kind, compassionate, and very capable. I'm happy to report that Peter's finger was able to be stitched back up and he seems to be doing well. I am forever indebted for the assistance given to us from everyone at EMS and Civista.

From the “quality EMS” e mail.... the blue cards work!
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Mission Statement

The mission of Charles County Government is to provide our citizens the highest quality service possible in a timely, efficient, and courteous manner. To achieve this goal, our government must be operated in an open and accessible atmosphere, be based on comprehensive long- and short-term planning, and have an appropriate managerial organization tempered by fiscal responsibility.

Vision Statement

Charles County is a place where all people thrive and businesses grow and prosper; where the preservation of our heritage and environment is paramount; where government services to its citizens are provided at the highest level of excellence; and where the quality of life is the best in the nation.

Commissioners of Charles County:
Wayne Cooper, President
Dr. Edith J. Patterson, Vice President
Samuel N. Graves Jr.
Reuben B. Collins II
Gary V. Hodge

Mission Statement CCEMS

It is the mission of the Charles County Department of Emergency Services, EMS Division to provide superior quality emergency medical support to the citizens of Charles County, Maryland and requesting jurisdictions.

Vision Statement CCEMS

With well-trained, capable and professional personnel; The Charles County Department of Emergency Services, EMS Division will provide the best premium quality of preventative and emergency care in the fastest, most efficient and cost effective manner possible to the citizens of Charles County, Maryland and requesting jurisdictions. It is the goal of the Charles County Emergency Services, EMS Division to be at the vanguard of pre-hospital emergency care.

ANSWER TO QUIZ:
“your vest is on your chest”