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EMS Week celebrated by the community



(BRISTOL, TN) Bristol's City Council recently proclaimed May 18-24 as EMS Week 2014. This week gives the community an opportunity to recognize Emergency Medical Services for a job well done. Local businesses are hosting meals on different days this week for the men and women of Bristol Fire and Rescue in appreciation of all they do daily throughout the neighborhoods and on the streets of Bristol.

Since 1973 when President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week a lot has changed. EMS is now recognized for its role in saving lives from sudden cardiac arrest and trauma, in getting people to hospitals best equipped to treat heart attacks and strokes; in setting the stage for a positive care experience-not just through medical skills, but by showing care and compassion to patients in scary, distressing situations.

Upon receiving the council proclamation, Stephen Wagner, a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Bristol Tennessee Fire and Rescue, stated that he felt that being in this line of work was a calling and that one of the most important parts of what they do is sometimes just holding someone's hand, giving them hope and comfort when they are afraid.

Please join us in celebrating and honoring all our Emergency Medical Workers this week who serve our community. Learn more about your local EMS by dropping by and visiting with them at any of our local Fire Departments. The Central Fire Station is located at 211 Bluff City Highway. Fire Station 2 is located at 1109 King College Road. Fire Station 3 is located at 500 17th Street and Fire Station 4 is located at 361 Exide Drive.