

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## EMS Week Kickoff

National Emergency Services Week is always the third full week in the month of May and is promoted as a time to bring together communities and emergency medical personnel in an effort to publicize safety, educate the public about their local EMS system, and to honor those who dedicate their lives providing emergency services on the front line. The national theme for 2012 is *EMS: More Than A Job. A calling*. The theme reflects the idea that EMS practitioners don't choose the field for big salaries, comfortable working conditions, or 9 – 5 hours; they have a true calling to help and care for others in their hour of need. The City of Bristol will recognize its hometown EMS providers in a celebration on Saturday, May 19, 2012. The event will take place at Anderson Park, 341 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

The country's EMS system includes front line providers such as paramedics, EMTs, and firefighters but also includes others who are essential for making the EMS system function. They include emergency dispatchers, physicians, nurses, researchers, and law enforcement personnel. The Bristol Tennessee Fire Department proudly provides crucial emergency, pre hospital care to fellow citizens during their greatest need for care and the department's personnel often provide timely actions that are the difference between life and death.

The EMS Day event at Anderson Park will kick off EMS Week activities and will feature equipment from the Bristol Tennessee Fire Department, the Bristol Tennessee Police Department, Wellmont ONE, the American Red Cross and many other groups. The fire department encourages everyone to bring the kids and let them meet their hometown heroes, climb on the equipment, and pick-up useful emergency information that can be used around the home.

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