



Sumner County EMS

Annual EMS Week Picnic



National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week May 18 – 24, 2008 is a time to recognize the life-saving efforts of local emergency responders. Each year in Sumner County over 20,000 calls for emergency medical assistance are received through the 911 system. According to Sumner County Emergency Medical Services Assistant Director, Barry Clardy, these calls for service are handled by a team of dedicated and highly trained professionals utilizing state of the art computer aided dispatch systems.

During this week Sumner County EMS plans to host their annual picnic at Triple Creek Park in Gallatin, starting at 11:00. “Traditionally our yearly picnic has been for Sumner EMS employees only, but this year we decided to change the format and invite several agencies to participate. EMS Week is really about all emergency medical providers. There are so many organizations that encompass the emergency response such as first responders, fire departments, emergency management and hospital emergency departments, we thought it was only appropriate to celebrate this time with them.” states Public Information Officer Michael Cook.

Scheduled for the event are food and other activities. Gallatin Fire, Sumner County Emergency Management, LifeFlight and Air Evac have been very supportive and plan to provide apparatus and helicopters for attendees. Families are welcome to attend as there will be kid friendly foods and a playground for their entertainment.

Sumner County EMS Director Keith Douglas along with his staff and Emergency Management Director Ken Weidner have organized this event and feel very passionate about recognizing the efforts of EMS professionals. “Our staff, along with the other first responder organizations, is some of the best in the business. Not only do these professionals work tirelessly on a daily basis but in a time of need, as seen during the tornados, they show up in force to support our county. These EMS Week activities are for them, the true heroes, to celebrate their amazing dedication to this profession and our community” states EMS Director Keith Douglas.

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