

Greene County/Greeneville EMS Employee Newsletter

Current Projects:

Updating and expanding our treatment protocols	Dr. Kitsteiner has a copy of the final draft of protocols and is working on approval.
Mental Health First Aid/Peer support groups	We are working with WestCare to provide this course as well as develop mental health support services for employees and patients.
Different drug boxes	The new drug bags are still in production.
Different airway bags/ More user friendly truck checkoff	Backordered (big surprise). Expected to be delivered around October .
Blood and ultrasound	The blood bank contract has been completed. We are now awaiting the grant outcome.
New polos	Prior to making a purchase from the new vendor, the polos we were going to purchase went out of stock. So, we will continue to source other vendors and try different polos.
ODMAP	The Greene County Anti-Drug Coalition has partnered with ODMAP to help the state health department to track overdose spikes. This requires no extra action on your part. Simply enter overdose calls as normal and the information will automatically transfer to the system.

Call Statistics:

In August (as of 8/25), we have run **1,056** calls:

Red: 314 calls
Blue: 274 calls
Green: 270 calls
Day Truck: 194 calls
10 Air ambulance transports

Average ER Wait Times:

HVMC: 47 min =
JCMC: 39 min ↓
MHHS : 38 min ↑
FWCH : 38 min ↑
GCHE: 24 min =

Average Chute Time: 2:41 ↑
Average Scene Time: 19:38 ↑

Average Response Time: 12:08 ↓
Average Transport Time: 20:01 =

August breakdown:

Med 1: 9%
Med 4: 4%
Med 7: 7%

Med 2: 18%
Med 5: 11%
Med 8: 7%
Med 10: 4%

Med 3: 17%
Med 6: 18%
Med 9: 6%

2025-to-date breakdown:

Med 1: 10%
Med 4: 6%
Med 7: 9%

Med 2: 17%
Med 5: 9%
Med 8: 9%
Med 10: 1%

Med 3: 20%
Med 6: 15%
Med 9: 4%

Other Items:

- Every year, we as a service are audited on the number of training hours that we deliver. Each employee is required to have a **minimum of 15 hours**, 1.5 of which must be pediatric. This is **separate** from the hours that qualify for the annual training stipend.
 - If you received a message from Greg earlier today, it is in relation to this requirement. The hours that have been/will be scheduled in FOAMfrat should cover a considerable amount of these. If you are unsure of what else you have and/or need, please see Greg.
 - If you are still having trouble with signing in to FOAMfrat or completing courses, let me know. If you have not been completing courses, your subscription will likely not be renewed next year, and you will be responsible for getting hours on your own.
- As a reminder, Greeneville Fire Department will respond to urgent calls in the city to assist as needed, but only **AFTER a med unit is on scene**. Even if we have an extended time to get on scene due to truck availability, they will not first respond on urgent calls.
- County volunteer fire departments can be requested for assistance on calls as well, but they **also require a med unit to be on scene first**.
 - **Caney Branch is currently the only exception** as they have a first responder.
- As part of **expanding the mental health resources** we have available to us, the last page of this newsletter provides some background information on Mrs. Laura Nechanicky-Booth, a local therapist who specializes in working with first responders. She is available for confidential counseling, stress management, and wellness support. Whether you need help processing a difficult call, navigating personal challenges, or just want to check in, she is available, and **anything you talk about with her is strictly confidential**. Taking care of ourselves helps us to be able to take better care of our patients—please don't hesitate to reach out and make use of this service. She is also a part of our EAP, and can work with you to get free sessions as needed. **Her direct number is (423) 919-8909**.
- Unit renumbering continues to be delayed.

Upcoming Events:

- **September 5th**, Mandatory BBP and EVOS refresher in-service (no driving)
- **September 15th**, Mandatory BBP and EVOS refresher in-service (no driving)
- **September 19th**, Mandatory BBP and EVOS refresher in-service (no driving)

Some Recent Articles:

[Kill the 'Just' Culture in EMS](#)

[Addition of IM Epinephrine to Standard of Care by Paramedics to Decrease Time-to-Initial Epinephrine Dose in Paediatric Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest – A Simulation Trial](#)

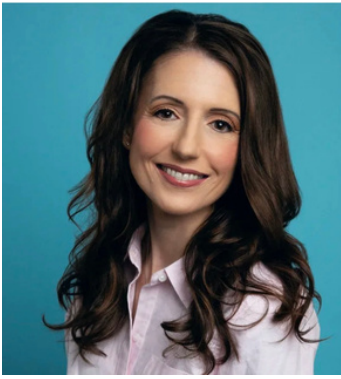
[Intranasal Epinephrine for Allergic Reactions](#)

September birthdays:

5th – Cody Trammell
12th – Cheryl King
23rd – Taylor Moore

7th – Shannon Winters
20th – Justin Crenshaw
29th – Jeff Weems

As always, thanks for reading.



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Laura Nechanicky-Booth, MS, LMFT, CEC, CISM is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Certified Crisis Trainer, and Leading Certified Enneagram Coach who has dedicated her career to supporting first responders, their leadership, and their families. With more than 20 years of experience, Laura understands the unique pressures, cultural dynamics, and emotional demands of public safety work – both on and off duty.

Her work has spanned multiple roles, including clinical treatment director, private therapist and coach, embedded provider with the National Guard, and certified trainer in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for nationally recognized police-based programs. She has collaborated on numerous task forces to strengthen organizational systems within public safety agencies, hospitals, and community mental health networks, always with a focus on building resilience and improving outcomes for those who serve.

Laura also served with the Veterans Treatment Court in St. Louis County, helping justice-involved veterans connect to treatment, meet personal and court obligations, and successfully reintegrate into their communities.

Today, Laura provides individual and couples coaching, leadership training, department-wide workshops, and retreats specifically designed for first responder agencies. She equips leaders with the tools to foster trust, improve communication, and support the well-being of their personnel, while also helping families navigate the challenges of life in public safety.

Her approach combines self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and the Enneagram to break down barriers, strengthen relationships, and create healthier teams, families, and communities. Laura believes that when first responders and their families thrive, their departments and communities thrive as well, creating a ripple effect of resilience, compassion, and connection that extends far beyond the workplace.

