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Commissioners Honor EMS Professionals and Volunteers

Leonardtown, MD - Every day of the year, at all hours of the day and night, citizens rely on emergency medical services (EMS) professionals and volunteers for critical care in our homes, on the roads, in hospitals and wherever the need exists.

EMS week honors thousands of trained and certified volunteer and career first responders, emergency medical technicians, cardiac rescue technicians, paramedics, medevac pilots, communications specialists, emergency department and trauma center personnel. EMS providers spend long hours to further their medical education, train themselves on the latest life-saving techniques and maintain vital emergency equipment. The Commissioners of St. Mary’s County honored their vital role to the community in recognition of Emergency Medical Services Week with a special proclamation.

“A key to the success of the EMS system is the impressive combination of courage, expertise, dedication and compassion which distinguishes the performance of its personnel,” said Commissioner Todd Morgan (4th District). “The aid they administer often requires split second decisions, essential to preventing disability or death among their fellow citizens. The efforts of these brave and competent men and women in saving human lives and minimizing the disabling effects of injuries merit recognition and appreciation from their community.”

The commissioners urge citizens to observe Emergency Medical Services Week with respect and appreciation.

Media outlets are free to use photos from the ceremony – which can be downloaded from the county’s photo page at http://www.flickr.com/photos/stmaryscountygovernment/sets/. Outlets publishing photos from the photo page are asked to courtesy the “St. Mary’s County Public Information Office.”

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