

April 25 - May 1 Proclaimed As Emergency Medical Services Week

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Hunt has proclaimed the period of April 25 - May 1 as Emergency Medical Services Week in North Carolina. This observance is intended to honor the

thousands of individuals - many of whom are volunteers - and numerous organizations who provide lifesaving emergency medical care to the citizens of North Carolina.

According to Tom Harmelink, chief of the Department of Human Resources' Office of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), North Carolina has developed one of the best emergency medical systems in the nation - an EMS system that has been used as a model by other states.

"We've come a long way since 1973 when the General Assembly passed legislation to improve the quality of emergency medical care in this state. Ten years ago, emergency medical service was basically a means of fast transportation from the scene of an accident to the hospital. Good communications and equipment were almost nonexistent," said Harmelink.

One of the more significant developments in EMS has been the training of emergency medical technicians (EMT's), who can provide emergency medical care upon arrival at

the scene of an accident or illness. The field of emergency medical has reached specialty status and is an important part of North Carolina's health care system. Through the EMS program, 8,695 emergency medical technicians were certified or recertified in Fiscal Year 1981, and 1,333 ambulances were inspected to ensure high standards. Thirty-five communities received new ambulances through the joint effort of the Governor's Highway Safety Program and the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Harmelink believes that North Carolina has built a solid foundation and an impressive record in the delivery of emergency

medical care. "For a number of years, emergency medical services were a sadly neglected part of our health care system, but today it's vitally important. In fact, we're seeing more and more nurses and doctors specializing in emergency medicine. More hospitals are offering around-the-clock physician coverage in their emergency rooms," said Harmelink.

Advancements in ambulances, equipment and communications have also improved the quality of patient care. Emergency vehicles are inspected regularly to see that they are equipped and maintained properly.

Communications have been standardized to the

point that technicians can now talk directly to emergency physicians and nurses and receive instructions for the care of the patient both at the scene and enroute to the hospital.

In observing Emergency Medical Services Week, Harmelink has high praise for the growing numbers of North Carolinians trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). "This is a mouth-to-mouth breathing and chest compression technique which can be used, if necessary, to maintain the life of a heart attack victim until professional help arrives."

In addition to learning CPR, which takes about 8-10 hours of instruction and practice, citizens can assist in emergency situations by

knowing the telephone number of their nearest EMS and keeping it handy. As Harmelink puts it: "that's a small investment to make toward saving someone's life."

DAR Conference

At the N.C. DAR State Conference, held March 10-11 in Pinehurst, the Edenton Tea Party Chapter won an award for its yearbook and programs, a citation for outstanding accomplishments in attaining the State Honor Roll, and a certificate for participation in the State Regent's Project, which is the publication of the N.C. Genealogical Register, members and Revolutionary ancestors, 1890-1981.

ECU Students Assigned To Student Teaching

GREENVILLE — Two hundred and 61 East Carolina University teacher education students have been assigned student teaching in North Carolina public schools this semester.

The intern teachers are from 56 counties in North Carolina and nine other states, plus the District of Columbia. They include Marinda Harrell, Route 1, Tyner.

Dr. Thomas A. Chambliss, director of student teaching and field services, said each student teacher will conduct regular classes under the direction of a supervisor and will receive a grade based upon teaching performance.

Miss Johnson Receives Medal

Yvette M. Johnson, 24, the daughter of William M. Johnson and Hattie W. Johnson of Edenton, recently received the U.S. Army Commendation medal for exceptionally meritorious service in the Military Personnel Division at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC from March 1980 to November 1981.

Miss Johnson, who is presently stationed with the 378 Personnel Service Company in Frankfurt, West Germany, is a 1976 graduate of John A. Holmes High School. She has also received the Army Service

Ribbon. The papers for the award read, "Specialist Johnson was personally charged with the responsibility for maintaining approximately 350 enlisted personnel files, this duty was executed in a truly exemplary manner. Throughout Specialist Johnson's tour of duty she established herself as an alert and capable Records Specialist who reflected exceptional initiative and was always willing to accept and efficiently carry out new and additional responsibilities. Specialist Johnson is a definite asset to herself, Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the United States Army."

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SECOND MEETING — MONDAY, MAY 3 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
EXPECTED ADJOURNMENT DATE — MONDAY, MAY 3 12:00 NOON

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