

# Perquimans People

## Governor Hunt salutes NC emergency medical services

By PAT MANSFIELD  
 RALEIGH — Governor Jim Hunt has proclaimed the period of September 18-24, as Emergency Medical

Services Week in North Carolina. In his proclamation, the governor praised the thousands of emergency medical technicians, paramedics,

emergency physicians and nurses and citizens trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) who provide life-saving medical care to the people of North Carolina.

And what about the 49 Volunteer Rescue Squad members here in Perquimans County? The squad has served Perquimans County for 17 years. These folks deserve our thanks.

The Perquimans County Rescue Squad was formed in 1967 and began with 75 members, of which 11 are still active members.

The squad is funded by the county which provides such needs as operating expenses, supplies and training.

They are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and make up three squads, a day squad, and two night squads.

The day squad is on call Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and weekends on an every-other week schedule. They boast an average 11 minute response time.

Each member signs up to serve certain days or nights during one of these shifts.

According to Captain Annice Peckham, there are always two, and

usually three persons on call, all the time. All emergency calls are received by the central dispatcher for the county, and then relayed to the members on call by phone or radio.

There is at least one EMT, Emergency Medical Technician, and usually two ambulance attendants. The ambulance attendants had to complete a 46 hour course and pass its tests. They are capable of administering CPR, splinting, back boarding, driving the ambulance, hemorrhage control and general first aid.

In addition to the skills of an ambulance attendant, an EMT is able to take vital signs and administer oxygen into passageways. They must attend a 109 hour course. Ambulance attendants and EMT's are given credit in the continuing education program at COA for the courses they take.

They both must be retested and certified every two years. Currently there are 31 EMT's and 18 ambulance attendants.

The volunteers must also train for a minimum of three hours per month. The training is held at the Squad Hut, usually during their regular monthly

meeting. They practice such things as splinting, hemorrhage control, etc.

At the present time, the squad has three vehicles; one modular, and two vans. These are equipped with oxygen, backboards, splints, trauma kits, blood pressure and suction kits, two portable stretchers and one regular stretcher. They can carry up to three persons at once.

The County has recently received a grant which will pay 25 percent of the cost of a new ambulance. The new ambulance will be in operation in late September or early October.

There is a junior rescue squad now.

It has nine members and was created to train young people and to develop their interest and enable them to become EMT's when they become of age to join the squad.

These junior members must take a minimum of 40 hours training and a minimum of three hours per month.

They are capable of CPR, splinting, hemorrhage control, and being a "go-for."

Anyone interested in joining the squad may contact Anice Peckham, Milton Dail, Kay Boyce, John Beers, H. B. Miller, Janet Turlington, Bobby Winslow, or Darlene Perkins for an application.



### To the rescue

These photos show the Perquimans County Rescue squad in action. From accidents at home to accidents on the road, they are always there when we need them.



## NOTICE TOWN OF HERTFORD

The Perquimans County Board of Elections will conduct a Non-Partisan Election for the Town of Hertford, November 8, 1983. Hertford will elect a Mayor and two (2) Council persons at that time. The filing opens at 12 noon, September 16 and closes at 12 noon, October 7. The voter registration deadline for voting in this election is October 10.

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#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

6:00 AM	Resurrection (PG)
8:00 AM	Cannery Row (PG)
10:00 AM	Ragtime (PG)
1:00 PM	The Deep (PG)
3:00 PM	The Best Years of Our Lives (NR)
6:00 PM	Hanky Panky (PG)
8:00 PM	Megaforce (PG)
10:00 PM	Young Doctors in Love (R)
11:45 PM	An American Werewolf in London (R)
1:25 AM	Things Are Tough All Over (R)
3:00 AM	Lion of the Desert (PG)

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

6:00 AM	Hanover Street (PG)
8:00 AM	Evil Under the Sun (PG)
10:00 AM	Becket (NR)
12:30 PM	Screen Legends James Stewart (NR)
1:00 PM	Absence of Malice (PG)
3:00 PM	Z (PG)
5:30 PM	Tempest (PG)
8:00 PM	Rocky III (PG)
10:00 PM	The Boat (R)
12:40 AM	Rolling Stones Album Preview
1:15 AM	Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl (R)
2:45 AM	Yanks (R)
5:10 AM	Screen Legends James Stewart

### HBO CHANNEL 6.

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

6:30 AM	The Terry Fox Story (NR)
8:15 AM	Dolly Meets the Kids
8:45 AM	Missing (PG)
11:00 AM	Inside the NFL
Noon	Dolly In Concert
1:30 PM	Deathtrap (PG)
3:30 PM	The Terry Fox Story (NR)
5:30 PM	Victor/Victoria (PG)
8:00 PM	The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (R)
10:00 PM	Dolly In Concert
11:30 PM	Missing (PG)
1:40 AM	The Who Tour 1982: The Final Show
3:15 AM	Victor/Victoria (PG)
5:30 AM	Sugar Ray's All Stars

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

6:00 AM	Reds (PG)
9:30 AM	Poltergeist (PG)
11:30 AM	FRAGGLE ROCK™ "Don't Cry Over Spilt Milk"
Noon	Time Bandits (PG)
2:00 PM	Reds (PG)
5:30 PM	Between Friends (NR)
7:30 PM	FRAGGLE ROCK™ "Don't Cry Over Spilt Milk"
8:00 PM	Kenny Rogers Live In Concert
9:00 PM	Poltergeist (PG)
11:15 PM	Not Necessarily the News
11:45 PM	Night Shift (R)
1:40 AM	Between Friends (NR)
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