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EMS week to begin with a BASH

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week is observed May 17-23, 2015. This is a special time of the year for EMS providers, a time set to allow the community to recognize and honor those who devote their time and energy toward providing emergency medical care. The City of Bristol Tennessee is proud to partner with other EMS providers and professional organizations for the community's EMS Week awareness bash which is scheduled for May 16, 2015. The bash will begin at 9:30 am and end at 1:00 pm on May 16th at Anderson Street Park. The Wellmont One medical helicopter will be on hand, along with face painters, the fire truck bounce/slide, and balloons for everyone. Each organization will have a display table with helpful informational pamphlets. The Bristol Tennessee Fire Department encourages everyone to stop by for a visit, look over the equipment, and get to know some of the professionals who serve you, your family and your community.

Bristol Fire/Rescue provides EMS with 54 shift personnel, whom are trained to the level of EMT, Advanced EMT, and 18 who have earned advanced training to the level of EMT-P (Paramedic). Maintaining minimum staffing levels and providing the highest level of care possible is also achieved by employing 6 part time paramedics. Utilizing part time paramedics for fill-in roles when full time personnel are absent due to scheduled earned time off saves the city thousands of dollars each year while also allowing the department to maintain the same level of care. The Bristol Tennessee Fire Department responded to 4,331 EMS related calls in 2014 with an average EMS emergency response time of 6:00.

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