

National EMS week is May 16th to 21st. Around the country EMS is being acknowledged for their service. Volunteers and career EMS workers work together to provide everything from a bandage and reassurance to restarting a stopped heart. Ambulances are equipped with personnel to “bring the first 10 minutes of the ER to your dooryard” Vermont Ambulance District 6 (VAD#6) encompasses Washington county and the northwest towns of Orange county. We honor ALL our heroes who work every day whether it be on a fast squad, ambulance, dispatch or administrative duties. Come to the State house lawn on May 17 (rain date May 20) from 1030-1330h.

Each year VAD#6 selects a few EMS providers for special recognition. The district fondly thanks our previous Medical Director Dan Wilson, DO for his 9 years of service. The Ambulance District would like to welcome its new director Dr. Jared Blum and look forward to his many years of tenure. This year the honors recognized by the district board, will be distributed by leadership of the members current squad or department to the recipient. They include:

Dave Jennings. Lifetime achievement award. Dave started in EMS in 1975 as a volunteer for Northfield Ambulance. He was the Northfield Ambulance supervisor from 1992-1996. He went to Barre Town EMS as the director in 1996. He was also the Williamstown Ambulance supervisor at the same time as part of an inter local agreement until 2006. While at BTEMS, he implemented fulltime (24/7) paramedic services. During his time in EMS, he was also involved in providing training all over the State of Vermont for Search and High Angle Ropes Rescue. He retired from BTEMS in 2015.

Sheila Brown. Sheila has been a board member for years longer than anyone can remember. She has served as recording secretary multiple times, taking the job back when no one would step up. She has been a longtime leader and member of Cabot Ambulance while also working full time for Barre Town EMS. She is moving on to a new career in nursing and we wish her well.

Paramedic Eric Hannett Eric received the prestigious Virginia Caffin award for Training excellence. Eric was instrumental in getting large numbers of EMT their training for the new standards of the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) recently adopted in Vermont. His classes are high energy, open to all and full of practical explanations to very complex topics covered. The district thanks Eric for his long hours and efforts to improve training within District #6.

VAD#6 recognizes members as they continue to provide over 20 and 30 years of EMS service.

Those receiving their 30 year certificate in 2016 are:

Barre Town EMS: Lynn Doney AEMT, Patrick Doyle AEMT, Louis Messier CCP

Mad River Valley Ambulance Service: Brian Lavery AEMT

Montpelier Fire & Ambulance: Dana Huoppi EMT , Douglas C. Jasman AEMT

EMS providers receiving their 20 year certificates are:

Barre Town EMS: Robert Brown CCP, Burton Heath AEMT, Christopher Maloney AEMT

East Montpelier Volunteer Fire: Larry Brown AEMT, Jay Copping AEMT, Robin Copping AEMT, Ty Rolland, EMT

Middlesex Fast Squad: Douglas Hanson EMT

Northfield Ambulance: Mark Podgwaite AEMT

Williamstown Ambulance: Gordon Murray AEMT

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