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"Clayton County Fire & Emergency Services named EMS Service of the Year"

Riverdale, GA- On Tuesday, May 23rd, Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services (CCFES) was recognized by the State office of EMS as the Region III EMS Service of the Year. The Emergency Medical Service of the Year Award is presented to a currently licensed Emergency Medical Service in Region III, which exemplifies outstanding professionalism and service to the community it serves. CCFES was also recognized for the Pediatric Award of Excellence for the successful resuscitation of a prematurely delivered newborn.

Region III of Georgia EMS includes ambulances in the counties of Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Fulton, Rockdale, Newton and Douglas. In 2015, EMS responders in Region III managed 73% of all 911 emergencies generated in the state of Georgia.

In May 2015, CCFES launched its pilot Community Paramedicine Program, the first phase of a Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Initiative. The goals are to treat and educate chronic and non-emergent patients in their homes and to provide them an optimal healthcare solution outside the 911 and emergency room setting. In 2016, the program enrolled 47 new patients, and graduated 17 of those, and has estimated a projected savings of \$84,000 for the second year. The second phase of the MIH Initiative integrated three Community Treatment Units staffed with one paramedic and one nurse practitioner. Though still early in the proof-of-concept phase, the program has gained national recognition for its innovation, as we are the **FIRST** fire-based Emergency Medical Service to employ nurse practitioners.

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