

CONGRATULATIONS PARAMEDIC CLASS 2011

Beginning in August of 2010 three of JERD's EMT-Basics began a tiresome journey to becoming Paramedics.

Starting with the pre-admission testing, application and interview process the 10 month program begins. The course is approximately 635 hours in length. It includes 8 hours a week of classroom training and additional clinical training.

Students are required to complete 140 hours of clinical skills rotations in several areas of medicine and 175 hours in a field internship program with an EMS agency. Areas of clinical rotation include the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit, Medical Surgical Unit, Operating Room, Labor and Delivery, Pediatrics, Respiratory Therapy and Crisis Intervention/Psychiatry.

In class training includes in depth studies on the Anatomy and Physiology of the human body, recognizing and interpreting ECG rhythms and Pharmacology.

Students study in depth each system of the body and learn about various disease processes and traumatic injuries that are often seen in emergency medicine.

Paramedic students learn about specific treatments and medications specific to each age group of people in various medical and traumatic conditions. Age groups range from newborn babies, all ages of pediatrics, adults and the elderly. Various topics of those with special needs are also covered.

Each student must maintain a high grade point average throughout the course. Each module of the course must be completed successfully with a passing exam before being allowed to move forward in the course. A final exam must also be passed successfully prior to being able to complete the National Registry exam which is required to become certified in the State of Ohio.

The taking and successful completion of the Paramedic course involves a great deal of time and

dedication. The intensity of the program is only the beginning of what the Paramedic students will experience in their careers!

After the successful completion of the course and the National Registry Exam Paramedics are certified in the State of Ohio and can perform their duties as Paramedics according to the State's laws and regulations.

JERD requires all new EMT—Paramedics to go through additional training within our department. Training within the department includes review of all equipment, policies, protocols, and medications. The new Paramedics work with other Paramedics on the department until both the department and the new medics feel comfortable!

CONGRATUALTIONS!!!



EQUIPMENT LEVY: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Jefferson Emergency Rescue District was founded in 1999. It was then our current station was built and the rescue District began to operate under it's own revenue and operating budget. The station was built, equipment bought, staff hired and EMS services increased.

JERD's operating levy in 1999 when it was established was 3.5 mil. This operating levy is placed on the ballot every five years for renewal. Since it has been established it has never once been increased and it has always been supported by the voters. The 3.5 mil operating levy is up for renewal November 2012.

The operating levy covers the day to day expenses and operations of the Jefferson Emergency Rescue District. This includes staff, equipment and building maintenance, training and education, insurance, drug licenses, and all of the other day to day operations of a business. From 1999 JERD has gone from a department covering EMS shifts with part time or auxiliary employees to the present in which JERD is a full time department supplemented with part time and auxiliary staff.

In 1999 when JERD was established a second levy was added to the ballot and passed. This levy was a 1.5 mil building levy which was strictly used for the building construction and maintenance. The levy was reduced several years later to a 1.0 mil levy and then last year was removed completely.

JERD has not once in it's history increased a levy or put a new levy on. November 2011 we will be asking your support for a 1 mil equipment levy we will be placing on the

ballot. This levy will be placed on the ballot and will be used for the primary purpose of paying off our new ambulance and purchasing needed equipment. In recent years the State and Federal Grants that were available previously are not as plentiful at this time. This levy will help us purchase equipment which is in need of replacement over the next several years.

The levy will assist in the purchase of life saving equipment. We will be able to pay off in full our new ambulance which required replacement last year unexpectedly. We will also use this levy to purchase cardiac monitors which are also in need of replacement over the next several years. The cost of 1 cardiac monitor is approximately \$30,000.00. It is our hope to apply and receive grant monies for this purchase but this is something that is not guaranteed. JERD would need to purchase 3 cardiac monitors to replace the one in each ambulance. This is a life saving and necessary tool required for advanced life support measures to be taken. The replacement parts and batteries for our current units are no longer manufactured or sold from the manufacturer.

We ask that any questions regarding our upcoming equipment levy be addressed to Director Jim Brueggeman and the Board of Trustees. We thank you for always supporting our needs in the past and we thank you ahead for supporting us now.



LAKE HEALTH SYSTEMS MADISON EMERGENCY ROOM

Jefferson Emergency Rescue will now be able to transport patients to the Lake Health Systems Madison Emergency Department. JERD believes that giving patients access to the doctors and hospitals that treat them regularly enhances their care and over all healing.

By offering patients transport to the Lake Health System Madison Emergency Department JERD offers patients in our district an opportunity to be treated by all of the four major health systems in the Northeast Ohio area! The four health systems are University Hospitals, Cleveland Clinic, Humility of Mary and Lake Health. The hospitals JERD are able to transport to are UHHS Geneva Medical Center, UHHS Conneaut Medical Center, CCF Affiliate Ashtabula County Medical Center, St. Joseph's Andover Medical Center and now Lake Health Madison Emergency Department.

ACMC is the closest facility to most residents in the JERD. Measured from our station to each of the five facilities the miles are as follows:

ACMC	= 12.27 miles
Geneva	= 14.46 miles
Andover	= 16.92 miles
Madison	= 19.58 miles
Conneaut	= 25.64 miles

Please know that these listed miles are from JERD's station and computer generated. They will vary according to the location of the emergency. JERD staff will assist you and your family in determining which facility is most appropriate for your condition.

Each medical and traumatic emergency is different in nature. All of our staff are well trained in determining the seriousness of the medical condition at hand. There may be times in which the EMTs believe that the condition at hand is critical in nature and therefore are obligated to transport the patient to the nearest, most appropriate facility. Furthermore, EMS crews may begin transporting you to the emergency department of your choice and if conditions change they may be required to divert

to the closest facility. This may mean it is not the hospital of your choice.

Although these conditions may not occur often we would like to make you aware of this prior to an emergency occurring. Our employees care very much about making the best possible choices for treating you and/or your family and that includes where is best to be transported and treated.

Both the Andover Emergency Department and the Madison Emergency Department are fully equipped and staffed functional free standing emergency departments. A free standing emergency room is different from a hospital in that patients in need of an admission to a hospital or more specialized out patient treatments or surgeries would be required to be transferred to a facility which has those services. At times it is necessary for patients taken to hospitals to also be transferred to other hospitals where more advanced services are available. These circumstances vary for each patient, hospital system and physician findings.

The Madison Emergency Department is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and staffed with a Doctor, Nurse Practitioner, Nurses, EMT-Paramedics, Radiology, Laboratory, Security/Police and Registration staff. The 14 room ED has X-Ray, CT scanner and laboratory services on site. There is a helipad also on site if an air medical transport helicopter is needed.

JERD encourages patients and their families to speak with each other and their physicians to determine before an emergency occurs what the most appropriate facility may be. It is best to have a first and second choice discussed so that we can best serve you.

Please do not hesitate or delay contacting 9-1-1 in order to call your physician or family members to discuss which hospital may be best for you. Please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 if the emergency department of your choice is not listed. We are willing to assist you in what means possible to treat you appropriately in an emergency!

When In Doubt Call 9-1-1!!!



HELP US HELP YOU: REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS AVAILABLE

Time is of the essence when any emergency occurs: medical, fire or police! Several of the most common, preventable delays emergency services face are 1) delay in recognizing there is an emergency, 2) delay in calling 9-1-1, and 3) finding the residence! Help us help you and have your address properly displayed!

JERD is partnering with the Pierpont Fire Department to provide residents with an opportunity to purchase a reflective address sign for their home or business. Signs are green reflective aluminum with white reflective numbers on the front on back of the sign. The signs can be hung vertical or horizontal. They are marked on both sides so that they can be seen by both directions of travel.

The cost of the signs are \$10.00 each. This includes the green sign with the numbers on both sides. We will also assist you in hanging the sign if you need help in doing so!

These signs are a priceless aide in helping EMS, fire and police agencies locate your residence and/or your neighbors. They are a great gift idea for someone you love as well! The signs are durable, last for years and are visible to emergency services!

Help us help you! Call JERD to order your address sign today! JERD will take your order and will contact you when the order is in.

We would like to thank the Pierpont Fire Department for assisting us in making this program available to our department. We will be ordering the signs from Pierpont FD for the same cost which they charge their residents. We greatly appreciate their assistance in saving money and time it would have cost us to start our own program from scratch!

JERD AUXILIARY MEAT RAFFLE FUND RAISER

The JERD Auxiliary wants to thank everyone for their support of our recent fund raiser! The Auxiliary held a meat raffle!

The first prize was half of a pig! The lucky winner won approximately 100 lbs. of pork! The pork will be processed into pork chops, ham, shoulder, ribs, bacon and sausage.

The second and third prize winners each won a \$50.00 Speedway Gas Card!

The drawing for the raffle was held September 15th at 6:00 pm. The winning tickets were sold by Keith Stewart one of our

part time employees.

The JERD Auxiliary is charged with community service projects and assistance for those in need in our district. The Auxiliary is strictly funded through donations and fundraising events.

The funds we raise allow us to offer assistance in the form of gifts or needs of children and the elderly at various holidays, scholarships, bike safety helmets, child safety seats and other community service projects!

The goal of the Auxiliary is to assist people in our community who may not have the means to provide

safety items for their homes, children and themselves.

The Auxiliary is able to assist members of the community in ways JERD is not able to with tax dollars. If it were not for the support of the community in assisting us with donations and the support of our fund raisers we would not be able to do the things we have been able to do!

Thank you again for all of your continued support! Any questions please contact the Auxiliary President Jake Rice at jake.rice@jerd.us.