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Augusta Fire/EMA celebrates 24 years of emergency medical services during EMS Week

AUGUSTA, GA (May 16, 2022) – May 15th through the 21st marks National EMS Week, and for the last 24 years, the Augusta Fire Department/EMA has been a leader in Richmond County when it comes to high-level emergency medical services.

This year's theme is "Rising to the Challenge." This theme matches the performance of the 270+ firefighter/EMTs with the Department over the last two years as COVID-19 spread across the county and remains a public health threat today.

"I have been impressed by the work and advancement our firefighter/EMTs accomplish each and every day," stated Augusta Fire Chief/EMA Director Antonio Burden. "I commend them and our local healthcare providers for saving lives and fostering a positive relationship that makes a difference for citizens of Richmond County."

Roughly 68% of all emergency responses by Augusta firefighter/EMTs are emergency medical-related. Also, every Augusta Fire/EMA apparatus performs at an EMT-Intermediate level or higher.

The Department is making EMS Coordinator Capt. Christopher Rockwell available for interviews to discuss enhancements in Department operations and the realities of what EMTs see on the streets. To schedule an interview, media outlets should contact the Department's Public Information Officer Jason DeHart at jdehart@augustaga.gov or by phone at (706) 821-2489.

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