

South County Emergency Medical Services **Monthly Update**

October 2015

As the days have been getting shorter and the weather more brisk, we have seen our call volume slowly increase from the lull of the summer months.

In between the many calls for service, South County EMS assembled our large roster for an all-department meeting at the South Deerfield Fire Department. As a department that relies so heavily on our call staff responding from home and work, it is vitally important to assemble when we aren't dealing with emergencies to make sure everyone is well informed.

In particular, new requirements and changes to pre-hospital emergency medical care have come down from the state agency governing EMS. With relatively little notice, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts mandated new trainings for all EMS providers to be completed within only a few weeks. These types of urgent requirements place a significant burden on departments such as ours that are comprised mostly of volunteer and call staff.

Thanks to the dedication of our members, and the hard work of many individuals, South County EMS not only filled the room during the meeting, but also provided the necessary trainings and tracked the progress of all of our members. Everyone in the large community we serve can rest assured knowing that the EMS providers from South County EMS that respond will have up-to-date training and be abreast of the latest in emergency medical care.





South County EMS continues talks with the Town of Whately regarding the plans for their recently purchased Western Mass Regional Library Building. Additionally, The Town of Deerfield Select Board asked the South County EMS Board of Oversight to join them in a meeting to discuss the purchase of property in Deerfield. South County EMS remains committed to being a strong partner to all of the communities we serve, and to be good stewards when it comes to the health, welfare, and finances of our citizens.

Statistics:

In the nine months of 2015 (January-September), South County EMS responded to 630 calls.

Total Runs (2015):	630
Transports:	477
ALS:	340
BLS:	137
Refusals:	106
Other:	47
Deerfield:	334
Sunderland:	174
Whately:	89
Greenfield:	15
Turners:	1
Conway:	8
Amherst:	0
Hatfield:	2
Other:	7

Total Runs (7/1/14 – 12/31/14): 505

Transports:	359
ALS:	212
BLS:	147
Refusals:	120
Others:	26
Deerfield:	257
Sunderland:	141
Whately:	66
Greenfield:	24
Turners:	4
Conway:	6
Amherst:	4
Hatfield:	2
Ashfield:	1

Average response time (from dispatch to arrival on scene): **7:10**

Respectfully,

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