

South County Emergency Medical Services Monthly Update

August 2015

In August South County EMS staff members teamed up to assist and support the community away from the sirens and emergencies they more typically find themselves near.

The Whately Fire Department held an anniversary celebration marking their 75th year protecting the public. There were many events for adults and children alike, including raffle prizes and visits from celebrities such as Smokey Bear. The exciting day with great weather was a big hit for the community. South County EMS members Gary Ponce and David Zamojski were on hand with one of our department ambulances to answer questions and show people how our equipment works.



Over in Deerfield, the local PTA Committee had been planning hard to erect a new play structure at the Elementary School. In an effort to reduce costs and expedite the process, the PTA looked to community members to help build the structures and complete the finishing work. Numerous South County EMS members volunteered their time and expertise to help see the process to fruition. Over the multi-day build, SoCEMS EMTs and Paramedics took up tools, equipment and plans to help see that the playground would be completed before the students returned for the new year. A small contingent of personnel also stood by with an ambulance and medical supplies to tend to any injuries that thankfully didn't occur. Some personnel even pulled double duty, prepared to switch gears at a moment's notice.



The South County EMS Board of Oversight met with the Town of Whately Municipal Building Committee to further discuss plan ideas for the Western Mass Regional Library Building. The Board of Oversight and Building Committee shared many thoughts and marked their enthusiasm to continue the discussion towards a mutually beneficial home for all parties involved.

Statistics:

In the eight seven months of 2015 (January-August), South County EMS responded to 403 calls.

Total Runs (2015):	551
Transports:	421
ALS:	298
BLS:	123
Refusals:	90
Other:	40
Deerfield:	287
Sunderland:	152
Whately:	83
Greenfield:	12
Turners:	1
Conway:	7
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): **7:19**

Respectfully,

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