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## Cypress Creek EMS Expands EMS Training and Community Education

Cypress Creek EMS now benefits from financial support from ESD 11. This new relationship provides increased, reliable funding to fuel our expansion and growth. CCEMS has impressive plans for the Charles R. Hooks Education Center in 2005. Plans to increase and improve EMS training and community education are in place and progress is being made. The Education Center has been restructured, the classes are progressive, the equipment is updated, the instructors are enthusiastic and top-notch, and the citizens of the FM 1960 area will ultimately benefit. CCEMS will continue to host CPR, First Aid, and Babysitter's Training but will update and increase Emergency Medical Services (EMS) classes for the community and Continuing Education (CE) for its member's. These courses give the community and CCEMS members access to new treatments, therapies, and guidelines. CE classes are also available to neighboring agencies in need of EMS education.

The positive push behind all of the changes is Greg Wolf. His employment officially began on January 1, 2005. Greg comes to CCEMS from Addison, TX with 20 years experience as a firefighter, paramedic, and EMS instructor. His official title is Clinical Manager. This makes him responsible for all education, medical interventions, and procedures performed by the field staff and volunteers. These procedures and interventions are prescribed by our Medical Director, Dr. Vartanian. It is imperative that someone handle this role to ensure that our patient treatment protocols remain second to none. Greg is excited about his new career move. According to Greg, his goal is to "take CCEMS to the next level by beginning 2005 organized, equipped, and full of vision."

Mr. Wolf will be working along side Kevin Traynor, the new CCEMS Clinical Supervisor. Formerly a field paramedic for CCEMS, he is now responsible for all clinical oversight involving Field Training Officers (FTO's) and their trainees. This includes coordinating new hire training, FTO's, and teaching EMT, Intermediate, and Paramedic classes. His 12 years as a paramedic and 6 years of experience teaching EMS classes will make him an asset to CCEMS educational programs. When asked why he wanted to change positions, Kevin stated "I want to make a positive impact on the future of EMS." Kevin will still have the opportunity to ride on the ambulance, keeping his skills sharp, enhancing his teaching ability.

Since 2000, CCEMS has trained close to 12,000 people in CPR, Instructor classes, Babysitter's Training, First Aid, and EMT courses. CCEMS has an outstanding track record in regards to educating the community, so why the newly intensive training schedule and increase in classes offered to the community? Greg Wolf explains, "Our members and the individuals in our service area are our greatest asset. Educating them is the key to our success and to the safety of our community." These gentlemen along with a cadre of high quality and self-motivated instructors are ensuring the safety of our citizens that will undoubtedly lead to many more saved lives. The Charles R. Hooks Education Center is located at 7111 Five Forks in Spring. Please feel free to call the Education Center staff at 281-379-6708 regarding class agendas, dates, and times.

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