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National EMS Week: Anytime, Anywhere. We'll be there. (May 16-22, 2010)

On May 11th during their regular meeting, the Summit Board of County Commissioners declared May 16-22 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week in Summit County, in conjunction with National EMS Week. Summit County Ambulance Service (SCAS) invites you join us in celebrating our local emergency medical service responders. This year's theme acknowledges the 24/7/365 commitment our ambulance crews have to respond to medical emergencies in Summit County, regardless of time of day or weather.

SCAS operates three 24-hour ambulances year round and can staff up to six additional ambulance units as needed during high season or in the event of a large emergency. Paramedic-staffed ambulances respond to 911 calls, interfacility critical care transports, search and rescue missions, and other specialized services. The ambulance service works in cooperation with other emergency agencies; including local fire departments, law enforcement agencies, and ski patrols in the county to provide a network of EMS services.

SCAS employs 26 full-time and 27 part-time EMT- Paramedics, EMT-Intermediates and EMT-Basics. All staff train monthly to maintain high skill levels and attend additional training in Critical Care Transports and Advanced Medical Life Support. This training, the use of state of the art equipment, and an excellent continuous quality improvement program make Summit County Ambulance Service one of the premiere EMS providers in the state.

Beyond their regular duties you will see our staff out in the community at schools, special events like Safe Summer Kick-Off, Adopt an Angel and the 9-Health Fair. In addition many of our staff members teach in the Nursing and EMS program at Colorado Mountain College or volunteer for

community organizations like Summit Prevention Alliance, Summit Rescue Group, and the American Red Cross.

Public Events During EMS Week

Tuesday May 18th

- **Free-First Aid/ CPR Class:** 8:00 am – 12:30 pm at the Summit Community and Senior Center, register by calling 970-668-5777.
- **Free Blood Pressure Checks:** City Market in Breckenridge, 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

Wednesday May 19th is the

- **Community Blood Drive:** Summit Community and Senior Center, 0083 Nancy's Place, Frisco. To register contact Bonfils at 800-365-006 option 2, walk-ins are welcome. SCAS staff members will also be present to do Blood Pressure checks.

Thursday May 20th

- **Free- First Aid/ CPR Class** 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm – Summit Community and Senior Center, register by calling 970-668-5777
- **Free Blood Pressure Checks:** City Market in Dillon, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

We invite the residents and visitors of Summit County to take the time to participate in these events and to thank your community Emergency Medical Service providers for their caring, hard work and dedication to your health and safety.

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