



## Public Health Brief

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# All day and all night – every day and every night!

Who in our communities is available all day and all night – every day and every night – not just in major disasters? Who shows up with colored bags and flashing lights on the worst day of your life? Who carefully rushes into dangerous situations with courage and compassion in the face of adversity?

I am talking about our first responders. They may serve in law enforcement, fire services, or Emergency Medical Services (EMS), or work in a dispatch center. They work together as a team. They have been trained and certified - and continue to train and exercise to keep their skills up-to-date. They may be unpaid volunteers, or underpaid professionals. They may be sons or daughters, husbands or wives, or fathers or mothers. And – they are our neighbors! They are sworn to assume the risk and responsibility of responding to all kinds of emergencies and disasters, small or large, involving one or many persons, anytime, anyplace! And most importantly – they serve all of us!

You may see them at your favorite coffee or lunch stop, or at a meeting, or in the neighborhood. Buy their coffee or lunch if you can, but you can always give them a hug or handshake (fistbump)! Take the time to say THANK YOU! And let them know that you hope you will never need their services, but know that they are always ready to serve you when you call.

For more information on EMS Week 2024 (May 19-25), go to:

[www.emsweek.org](http://www.emsweek.org)



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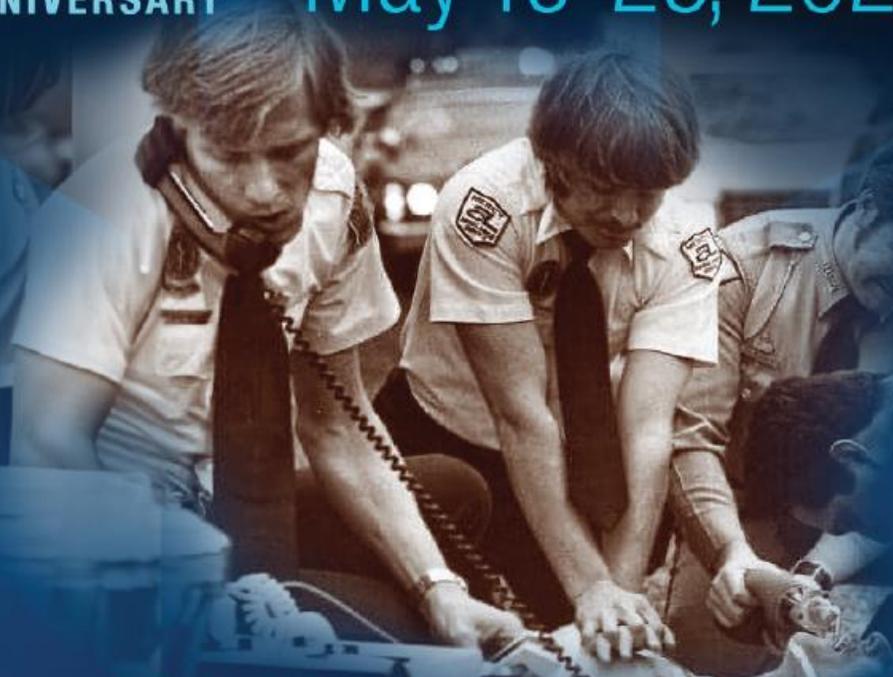
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