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Cumberland County Commissioners Proclaim EMS Week & Recognize 17 Area Emergency Medical Providers

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania— Today the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners proclaimed May 21-27, 2017 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week during their public meeting. EMS awareness week was established in 1974 by the American College of Emergency Physicians in an effort to recognize EMS professionals for their dedication in providing day-to-day "front line" lifesaving services.

As part of the EMS Week recognition, the Commissioners and the Cumberland County EMS Council presented Citations of Special Recognition to 17 Cumberland County EMT's and Paramedics for their exemplary service in the emergency medical services field. The individuals recognized have been credited with clinical saves within the last year. The Emergency Health Services Federation (EHSF) defines a clinical save as when a patient in cardiac arrest is resuscitated by EMS in the field and subsequently survives to be discharged from a hospital, with little or no neurological deficit.

EHSF is the regional EMS Council for Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties. EHSF works to maintain and where possible advance the regional EMS system in south central Pennsylvania. For more information on EHSF and the Clinical Save Commendation program visit www.ehsf.org/.

Cumberland County will also be participating in the social media campaign "EMS Strong" launched by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) and the American College of Emergency Physicians. To learn more about local EMS providers and the service they provide to the community follow us throughout the week on Facebook and Twitter @Cumberland County, PA. With the many challenges facing our nation's healthcare system, EMS Week is an opportunity to show support for EMS providers in Cumberland County and nationwide.

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