Lights, Sirens, Drive.

Tones. You can’t help but jump out of the comfortable groove you’ve made on the overly abused squadroom couch. The blood pressure in your vessels, just as your heart rate, skyrockets. This sympathetic jumpstart, you cannot help—nor do you want to. You’re about to climb into a rugged 300 horsepower truck that’s three times the size of your dainty little sedan, flip on the blindingly authoritative strobe lights, and hit the streets going faster than you were taught by your daddies.

Yes, you’re pumped to be driving 10-18. Yes, your grip on the steering wheel is so tight that PD can collect DNA from the sloughed off skin left behind. But before you go barreling through red lights, take a few minutes to breathe and realize what it is you’re doing. On the other end of the whole ordeal is a patient who says they’re in some sort of distress. Based upon your stellar (and heavily instructed) judgment, you must decide whether or not to risk an emergent response. Going RLS to that sore throat 19 year old female will only get you coughed upon sooner, and to add insult to injury, you’ll be getting a nice reminder from 302. Okay, so a sore throat is pushing it, but this mentality becomes important when radio advises that you have a 28 year old with abdominal pain and high fever. Oh wait, tones were too jarring…radio, 10-9?

When you finally hit the lights, you’re on a pedestal. With our trucks new LED lightbar, strobes, and wailing sirens, even the gazelles over in the Serengeti perk up to your presence. The drivers in your immediate vicinity are the exception. With music blaring, they’re more concerned with the powdery doughnuts being crammed into their mouths. These people are doing everything but driving. Not to sound preachy, but there has never been a time in your life when driving with utmost care has been more crucial.

The 10-18 is a remarkably exhilarating experience. Each medic should cherish each RLS drive that arises. Let’s be honest here; it’s really really fun. Just be safe—have your partner clear your intersections, don’t use excessive speed, and don’t forget about radio. Being safe is just as important as those cheesy slogans from elementary school said, and even if you don’t think so, it’s better than the alternative. You can still brag to your friends. It’s okay, we won’t tell.

What we’ve been doin’

598 Total Calls
373 10-18
36 IVs
148 D-Sticks
179 Trauma
5 46 Reds
79 Twenty Sixes
56 MVC
42 N/V

Dekalb Station One provides quick response within our area and advanced life support. Many of last years calls were accompanied by Engine & Rescue 1. In addition, this is the most resourceful place when the truck requires a washing.
Because nobody likes a long-winded introduction, we bring you the new Planning and Development Division via limerick.

As operations’ job is load bearing
And training remains most caring
P & D brings much life
To any EMS related strife
Regardless of how awkwardly others are staring

5.4 Liter V8: 365 foot-lbs of torque with 300 horsepower at the wheels.

Liberty Lightbar: Unparalleled signalling with striking, state of the art appearance.

Sleek Detailing: New decaling radiates style and class in any given situation.

Dominator Lights: Front mounted LED strobes with blinding authority

Tactical Grill: Wedge up against your obstacles and push.

Side Flashers: Pull into an intersection with lateral visibility

Our New 1040
Our New P&D

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On behalf of the entire command staff, I would like to welcome everyone back for another fun and exciting year with Emory EMS (EEMS). We are trying to move away from the first responder status this year and toward a higher professional status, calling our unit Emory EMS. After all, we are intermediate EMTs, so try to spread the word as much as you can. One of our main goals as a Unit this year is raising community awareness and involvement, from CPR classes to BBQs with Station 1. In fact, our Chief of Planning and Development, Jamie Bota, is currently working on a Greek Life CPR program. We also have a new EMS banner that will be hung in and outside the DUC to ensure that students know who we are and what we do. Our training division, Dan Hootman and Amy Gilleland, have spent hours preparing for the 2007-2008 EMT class. Jim Chung and Dan Sperling in Operations have worked hard to make sure that all of the behind the scenes work is done in time for our first 10-41.

As many of you know, there will no longer be SPAC, a committee designed for medics to express concerns about the unit and to help with event planning. Instead, we have the Communication Forum. You will be able to attend the first 15 minutes of any staff meeting to voice your comments and suggestions. We have also installed a suggestion box in the squad room for you to write down your...suggestions, which we will check weekly. So, it is your job to let the staff know how we can make your experience with EEMS a more enjoyable and fulfilling one. It is the job of the Command Staff to ensure that all of our medics are up to date with EEMS events, news, and training information. As a staff, we want to keep all of you as informed as possible about EEMS.

So let’s enjoy Boot Camp, start the year off on a positive note, and show Emory that our EMS Unit is the best around!

Hello, Rachel

Starting off the academic year of 07-08 with us is our new EMT class instructor, Rachel Barnhard. An alumna of the University of Georgia, Rachel holds a degree in Germanic and Slavic languages. Sometime after graduation, Rachel became involved with the Grady Healthcare system as a paramedic and taught as an adjunct instructor at Gwinnett Tech. Teaching for EEMS, however, will be her first time lead instructing an EMT class. Young and energetic, Rachel is excited to begin her job with Emory EMS.

Upcoming Stuff

Fun:
Sep. 9: Tubing with EEMS—Helen, GA.

CEs Online at any time: www.georgiaemsacademy.com

August:
Aug. 25-26: Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)—St. Mary’s Hospital, Athens, GA. 16 hour course. Contact Doug Dugger at 404-657-2566.

September:
Sep. 8: EmoryFlight CE—Trauma, Part II. Held at Griffin/Spalding Airport. 10:00-14:00.

October:
Oct. 6: EmoryFlight CE—Pediatrics, Part II. Held at Griffin/Spalding Airport. 10:00-15:00.