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HRECC Receives EMD Reccreditation

Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center (HRECC) recently received its reccreditation in Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD).

The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services recognizes communications centers across the state for their work in providing pre-arrival medical instructions to citizens through an emergency medical dispatching accreditation program.

This program is under review every three years, with HRECC first receiving its EMD accreditation in 2005.

“Each one of our communicators goes through extensive training to be EMD certified,” said Jim Junkins, Director of HRECC. “To receive this reccreditation certificate, verifies the hard work our communicators have put toward helping those in need within our community.”

The administration of pre-arrival medical instructions can be crucial to a successful outcome for those who call 9-1-1 and are experiencing a medical emergency. HRECC staff uses 19 different EMD protocols from stopping a serious bleed, childbirth, to providing instructions over the phone on how to administer CPR at home.

In 2011, HRECC provided EMD instructions 162 times and in 2013 it was provided 250 times.

More information about HRECC is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/HRECC.

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