

STAT EMS ends 2015 with many Accomplishments “More work ahead”

STAT EMS ended 2015 with many accomplishments but agency officials say there is much more work to do.

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COO**

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Joseph Karlichek, STAT’s Chief Operating Officer.

Some of the highlights were STAT’s achievement of meeting Accreditation standards with zero

deficiencies earning another three year accreditation with **CAAS**. STAT is 1 of 165 agencies in the Nation to achieve Accreditation.

STAT also celebrates its workforce with “employee of the year awards” for Paramedic, EMT, Dispatcher, SEM, and Billing Department.

Some additional year end statistics in 2015 STAT officials have shared:

- 60,000 transports
- 100,000+ calls into PSD for service needs
- 200+ KIDS educated in SAFETY
- 350+ CPR Trained
- Graduated 3 EMT Academies
- 1,000+ Community Service Hours

Joe adds that all of the achievements are a direct result of a great team of professionals and hard working EMS, PSD, TRANS, Mechanic and Billing staff.

“It is always a challenge to get everyone on the same page to understand the organizations Mission, its responsibilities and embracing change, but STAT will stop at nothing to achieve its potential to be a Regional provider of essential services to many communities,” says Joe Karlichek.

STAT officials indicated some of their major goals in 2016 are recapitalization of its fleet and information technology investments.



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STAT EMS “Stuffs the Ambulance”

STAT EMS hosted a Stuff the Ambulance drive prior to Christmas.

The drive was organized by STAT EMS employee EMT-Basic, Eric Spilker who says he just wanted to do his part to make a difference this holiday season.

"It's pretty much my life, I love helping people, it's what I enjoy doing. It's my hobby. If I'm not doing this or I'm not an EMT or I'm not in the hospital or I'm not in school I'm helping people and trying to better this community," Spilker said.

Food collected will go to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, while toys and other daily necessities will be given to the Old Newsboys of Flint.

Eric is currently a STAT Paramedic Academy Cadet and soon to graduate in February.



STAT EMS “Stuff the Ambulance” in STAT/Hurley Children's Hospital
SPLASH Ambulance

CPR and AED training for 2016

STAT EMS provides AHA CPR and Automated External Defibrillation recertification training every second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The course is offered to fire, police, nurses, physicians, and other identified pre-hospital care providers in need of renewal.

The class is designed to teach the skills of CPR for victims of all ages including; ventilation with a barrier device, a bag-mask device and oxygen use of an AED, and relief of FBAO. It is intended for participants who provide healthcare to patients in a wide variety of settings.

Class times are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is located at 512 West Court Street.

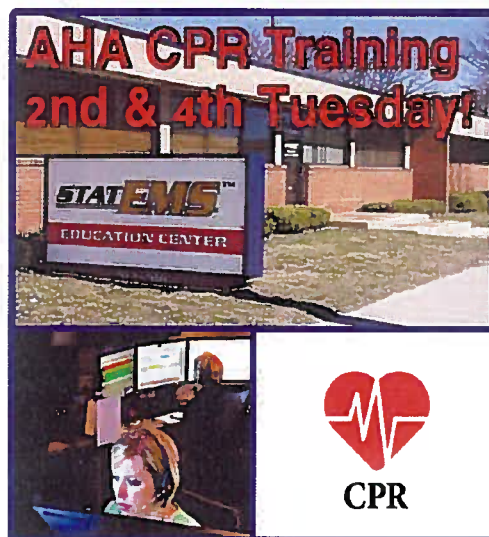
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More than 350 medical community members were trained last year (2015) on CPR/AED and Continued Education classes at STAT.

If your medical facility, law enforcement, fire personnel, or physician staff is in need of CPR and AED certification please contact the Office of EMS Education at 810.238.7672 ext. 215 or on-line at

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Bus Transportation for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)

STAT EMS continues to provide the STAT Bus to SNF's or Skilled Nursing Facilities on nights and weekends. "What we discovered was an opportunity, by working with the SNF's and their needs, they (SNF) like to take advantage of weekend and weekday evening get away trips for their residents and it has been remarkable," says Chris Watts, Business Development for STAT. Chris says, "The bus has been out well over a dozen times for planned trips and the staff and SNF residents really have enjoyed the personal touch and level of service STAT provides." "We continue to be the trend setters in transportation", adds Chris.

STAT officials say the STAT Bus is MDOT certified and receives routine inspections and general preventative maintenance by the STAT ASE Certified Mechanics.

If your SNF is looking to schedule offsite visits for your residents you can contact the Office of Business Development at 810.238.7672 ext. 205.

Pictured right:

The NEWEST line of STAT EMS Transportation. It can seat up to 6 wheelchair patients or 12 total people with state of the art restraint systems.



STAT concerned for the safety of its EMS staff

Chris Samon, operations sergeant with STAT EMS, has been attacked - several times.

"Kicking, punching, scratching things of that nature," he said. "I think everybody that works in an ambulance has probably been assaulted at one time in their career."

It can happen with the person in the back of the ambulance who might try to escape, but Samon says some of the scarier moments happen when heading out on a call - into the unexpected.

"You get out and there are no police around because there was no need for them on the call," he said. "Then you walk into a situation where absolutely you need police, so it's nerve-wracking."

That's when an EMT reverts to what's called 'scene safety'. If a scene is too dangerous, go back to the truck, move away while calling for help.

According to the Genesee County Medical Control Authority, EMTs and paramedics have an obligation to put their own safety before a victim's.

For the last year or so, EMTs in Genesee County have been able to communicate directly with 911, who can get police or sheriff's deputies on scene if they're not already there.

"Hopefully they're able to back out and wait for police," said Genesee County 911 Interim Director Dave Ackley.

"Things like that can happen at any time. You don't know what you're walking into. You just hope for the best," Samon said.

STAT officials indicate there is an increase of attacks on medical personnel across the Nation and many agencies are turning to provide body armor and additional training to mitigate these conflicts. "While every situation is different we rely on our EMS staff to use their training, best judgment and keen sense of TEAM awareness to protect themselves. It's terrible that we even have to talk about such a thing," says STAT EMS Sgt. Chris Samon.



Scene above: STAT EMS at a motor vehicle accident—dangerous situations are an everyday occurrence whether a crash or general medical situation.

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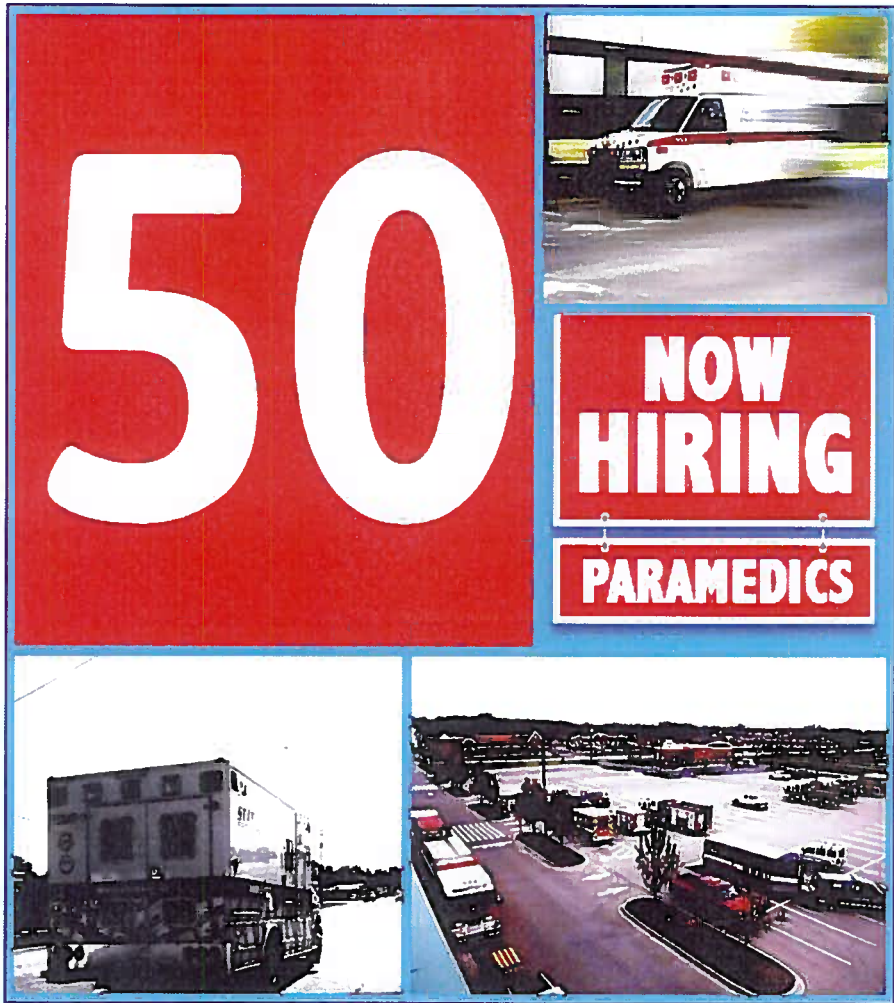
STAT EMS announced it is seeking “50 Paramedic and EMT-Basic” employees to fulfill its goal of establishing a fixed “Emergency Response Division”. The first of its kind in the history of Genesee County says STAT.

“We are in need of qualified staff to fulfill the organizations Mission and Vision to be the only provider in Genesee County to have such an EMS division”, says Larry Ragnone Executive Director of Operations. Larry said currently every ambulance service, like STAT, utilizes ambulances for multiple needs such as non-emergency transportation from Hospital’s, nursing facilities, etc. STAT official say that Ambulances being used as “multi-purpose” can create issues for the EMS emergency response system. Genesee County 911 currently sends the closest EMS unit, the closest may not be the most appropriate or where an ambulance should be for an emergency response. “We are taking great strides to be the service on the forefront of change by moving out in front to implement an improved emergency response, it will take some time but we will get there”, adds Larry.

STAT officials say while it is aggressively seeking to establish a stand alone emergency response division where the primary Mission will be to provide emergency responses throughout all of Genesee County, its continued mission to provide non-emergency transportation is still essential for patients requiring ambulances for their approved appointments. Officials also commented on how STAT will hopefully soon be responding to emergency requests in Saginaw County where STAT has already expanded it’s non-emergency service BRAND.

STAT Human Resources report the open positions are all full or part-time, comes with SIGNIFICANT sign on bonuses, education advancements at NO cost, 401K, health benefits such as medical, dental, vision, and much more.

Applicants must be 19 years of age, possess a valid drivers license, medical license (in good standing), pass a complete physical and agility exam, successful background check, and possess no current Felony or misdemeanor convictions.



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STAT provides Basic and Advanced (ALS, PALS, PHTLS, and BLS) emergent and non-emergent transportation ambulance, wheelchair, BUS, and medical CAB services.

STAT expects to respond to more than 60,000 requests for services in 2016 and exceed more than 2 million miles on their fleet.

With more than 200 ambulance personnel, support staff and fleet of 70 vehicles, STAT EMS is large enough to have extensive reach, yet small enough to still offer personal and customized medical care and services.

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Training Academy Upgraded

STAT EMS Education Department launched an "EMT-Basic Hybrid Academy" in January 2016 with a significant upgrade that now includes a full Computer Laboratory where testing, on-line interactive lectures, and research can now be done. The first of its kind in the Region says STAT EMS.

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EMS Educator Anthony Sabourin says, "This new approach allows for improved and enhanced education through on-line courses, virtual web based treatments, yet increases instructor time to be more hands on with our EMT-Basic Cadets. We save time by allowing the Cadet to learn, via the web, while increasing more hands on training which is becoming standard in today's world of EMS education".

"EMS education is changing for our young and even older adult learners and we are laser focused with how we are

providing EMT-Basic Education to the new generation of learners," says Jenna Gutierrez, EMS Clinical Coordinator for STAT. Jenna added that the traditional time to educate EMT's last more than 7 months, with the STAT Academy time has been reduced to 12 weeks with the goal of increasing pass rates with National Registry.

STAT officials state that it provides the Cadets with their very own computers to link to the website, take exams, quizzes, and do their homework wherever there is an internet connection.

"Building the 21st Century EMT-Basic is what we are doing. It was months of planning," says Joseph Karlichek, COO. Joe includes the STAT EMT Academy's are **FREE** for those who choose a direct path to employment with STAT EMS.

To learn more you can visit www.statems.com/education or call the Office of EMS Education at 810.238.7672 ext. 215.

