

BRYAN COUNTY'S NEW TACTICAL EMS VOLUNTEER TEAM OFFERS SUPPORT TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

RICHMOND HILL, GA – June 11, 2018 – Bryan County's newly formed tactical EMS volunteer team has begun training and is prepared to respond to calls as needed.

The team is comprised of 15 Bryan County Emergency Services employees, all of whom volunteered for the squad, thus going well above and beyond their normal job requirements. The volunteers are tasked with providing timely, lifesaving care to fellow public safety law-enforcement officers and citizens of Bryan County.

"We recently participated with training the City of Richmond Hill Police Department," said Shannon Bancroft, Bryan County Emergency Services Division/Training Chief. "Our goal in putting together this team is to provide a level of preparedness in the unlikely event that we are ever needed."

All team members have successfully completed and passed a nationally accredited Tactical Emergency Casualty Care or Tactical Combat Casualty Care, physical fitness assessment, and interview process. They are training alongside local law-enforcement officers in an effort to build a high level of trust and understanding between the different agencies. Without this specialized training, emergency medical care could be delayed in the event of an attack until the threat has been mitigated for a certain amount of time, according to Bancroft. "But through tactical EMS volunteer team, we can potentially provide the critical care needed to both law-enforcement officers and victims," he said.

Bryan County Emergency Services delivers a full range of emergency services including fire prevention and education, emergency medical services and fire suppression to over 30,000 citizens and covers over 450 square miles.

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