

PRIME HEALTHCARE PENNSYLVANIA REGION HOSPITALS GIVE THANKS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WORKERS DURING EMS WEEK

Prime Healthcare Pennsylvania Region hospitals honored frontline professionals as part of National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, May 21-27. During National EMS Week, Lower Bucks Hospital, Suburban Community Hospital, and Roxborough Memorial Hospital recognized EMS providers' vital work throughout the Philadelphia region. To mark the occasion, the three hospitals provided lunch for their local first responders.

"We want to make sure that the EMS providers who work with Prime Healthcare Pennsylvania Region, and help our patients in a time of need, know we deeply appreciate their service and skill," said Jacqueline Pester-Babcock, RN, MSN, regional chief nursing officer, Prime Healthcare Region II.

"EMS providers are on the frontlines of healthcare delivery, often helping patients when every second counts," Pester-Babcock said. "We encourage all community members to thank them for their lifesaving work."

EMS workers answer the call day and night, in all kinds of weather and in all types of conditions, many of which can be

dangerous and emotionally challenging.

"It's easy to forget how difficult this work can be, but our dispatchers, first responders, EMTs and paramedics deliver, without fail, day in and day out," Pester-Babcock said.

The greater Philadelphia region consist of EMS professionals dedicated to answering the call and making a difference in people's lives. Members of these teams, whether career or volunteer, public or private, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills. They also give back to their communities far more than they take.

The theme of this year's EMS week was "Where Emergency Care Begins," a phrase that truly encompasses the time and commitment of the men and women who dedicate their lives to the emergency services field.

National EMS Week began under the direction of President Gerald Ford in 1974 to celebrate the critical work EMS practitioners do in American communities.

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This National EMS Week, Prime Healthcare Pennsylvania Region salutes our Emergency Medical Service Professionals for their tireless dedication to the health and well-being of our communities and beyond.



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National EMS Week also highlights the thousands of first responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics who make up a complete system designed to save lives.

EMS workers are essential to the nation's health care and public safety systems. EMS practitioners respond to medical emergencies 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year no matter the severity in a genuinely selfless way.

EMS practitioners compassionately care for patients during their most difficult moments. When not responding to emergency calls, they spend countless hours educating and teaching the public by visiting local schools, meeting with health care and business leaders to develop emergency preparedness plans and providing CPR and first-aid training to community members.

"As a healthcare leader, we recognize that without the benefit of our area's dedicated EMS partners, our hospital staff, and more importantly, our patients, would be at a loss," Pester-Babcock said.

All communities are asked to recognize the heroic efforts of their paramedics and EMTs this EMS Week and to support their

local EMS agencies throughout the year.

About Prime Healthcare Pennsylvania

Region: Prime Healthcare Pennsylvania Region is part of Prime Healthcare, an award-winning health system operating 46 acute care hospitals in 14 states. Prime Healthcare Pennsylvania Region includes Roxborough Memorial Hospital in Philadelphia, Lower Bucks Hospital in Bucks County, and Suburban Community Hospital in Montgomery County.

Prime's hospitals in Pennsylvania are certified by The Joint Commission as Primary Stroke Centers and have won multiple awards through Healthgrades and the Get With The Guidelines Quality Achievement Awards through the American Heart Association.

Our hospitals offer medical, surgical, and emergency care, which includes diagnostic radiology, lab services, behavior health, heart care, rehabilitation, family medicine, wound care, and residency programs.

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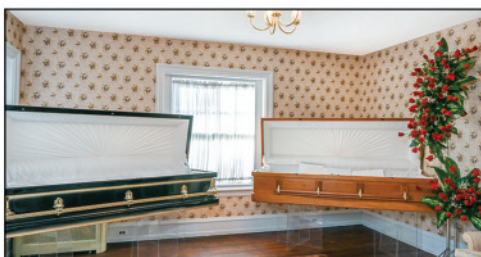
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