

Wakulla County Emergency Medical Services

Wakulla County, Florida

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Ambulance Drive -- Greenwood Crum Takes Heart Diet Quiz
... conducted by Mrs. Sybil Perry, Mrs. W. S. Schley

The Crum family decided to provide ambulance service for Wakulla County in early 1971. The summer of 1971 was filled with conversations regarding an ambulance that caught fire and reduced Glynwood Crum's fleet of ambulances to one. In September 1972, the County took over the operation of the ambulance service, operating under the Sheriff's Department until 1978 when it came under its own direction. During this period of time, further changes occurred when a legislative bill was introduced requiring

each County to provide ambulance services. In 1973 that bill became law, what is now known as Chapter 401 of the Florida Statutes. In that same year, a marked change in direction occurred when Eric Hindle was named as the new EMS Director.



Wakulla County Ambulance Services began in 1974 with two EMTs, the Hindle family, and about 15,000 residents. From beginnings based out of true devotion to one's community and caring for our neighbor, the Service grew to an Emergency Medical Services agency that any Florida County would be proud to call their own. It was based on those same principles of caring.

Moving forward to February 1976, the Henderson Funeral Services proudly introduced their new ambulance to be stationed in Medart. They served until all EMS services were provided by the County.

In 1991 Eric Hindle became the Emergency Management Director and an agreement was made with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital to provide a Department Supervisor. Fran Council, who had worked as a volunteer for many years in Wakulla, was selected. At that time the Service moved into its current location on Trice Lane. In May 1994, a second ambulance station was located in Medart, next door to the Medart Volunteer Fire Department. A resounding recognition came to Wakulla EMS in 1998 when the Service was awarded recognition as the EMS Provider of the Year by the State of Florida EMS Office. In that same year Rod Strickland was noted as the First Responder of the Year. Stephen Pigott received the same recognition as First Responder of the Year in 2000.



In 2003 Tallahassee Memorial withdrew. Jamison Rogers served as Interim Director until 2005 when Fran Council returned as the Wakulla County EMS Director.

Today Wakulla County Emergency Medical Services answers more than 2400 calls for service per year. It serves all of Wakulla County's citizens and visitors presenting various medical and traumatic emergencies. Staffed with some of Florida's finest EMTs and Paramedics, Wakulla County EMS will continue to serve this County for many years to come.