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Portsmouth Celebrates EMS Week

Portsmouth Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services is leading Portsmouth’s celebration of National EMS Week during the week of May 17 – 22. Several events are scheduled to increase public awareness of the role Emergency Medical Services plays in our community.

Thursday, May 20, 10 AM – 3 PM: Portsmouth Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services will be performing blood pressure screenings and wellness checks in the Lobby of City Hall, 801 Crawford Street.

Saturday, May 22, 9 AM – 5 PM: Portsmouth Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services will be conducting a public education event in front of Wal-Mart, 1098 Frederick Boulevard. Children’s activities and bicycle safety education is planned and bicycle safety equipment will be given out. Blood pressure screenings and wellness checks will be performed by department personnel. An ambulance will be present for citizens to walk through. At 3 PM, Portsmouth Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services will officially roll out the new EMS Bike Team. The team will be demonstrating their new equipment and capabilities.

Please join us in showing support for those providing EMS services to the City of Portsmouth by attending one of these activities and take the opportunity to learn preventive health measures that can help us all stay healthy and safe.

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