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New Britain EMS to Celebrate National EMS Week
May 18-24, 2008

New Britain EMS is proud to announce its' EMS Week activities for the 2008 EMS Week Campaign. National EMS Week which will be held May 18-24, is designed to bring public attention to the life-saving work that more than 750,000 men and women provide to millions of Americans each year. It is during this week that we honor the men and women who work for New Britain EMS and recognize them for their efforts and dedication.

The theme for 2008 is "Your Life is Our Mission." This statement was chosen to recognize the commitment that emergency medical personnel make to the communities they serve. This dedication to their mission provides round-the-clock care to communities across the nation.

New Britain EMS is requesting promotion of the events listed below via local media networks. In addition, all of these events are open to the media. New Britain EMS Community Outreach activities for the week include:

Child Safety Seat Clinic – Monday May 19, 2008

The New Britain Emergency Medical Services Child Passenger Safety Seat Team in co-operation with the Target Store of New Britain will be hosting a Child Safety Seat Clinic on May 19, 2008, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. The Clinic will be held in the parking lot of New Britain Target, 425 Hartford Road, New Britain.

Parents will have an opportunity to have your Child's Safety Seat inspected, assure it is installed correctly & learn the safety features of the seat. Approximately 8 out of every 10 seats are installed correctly by their owners. Participants will also receive information on current Connecticut Safety Seat Laws and important child safety information. There is no appointment necessary. In the event of rain, please call New Britain EMS on the morning of for additional scheduling information, (860) 225-8787.

Smalley Academy School Visit – Tuesday May 20, 2008

New Britain EMS will be at the Smalley Academy from 10:00am-1:00pm providing students and teachers with an overview of the EMS system, injury prevention tips from our robot Pete the Paramedic and conducting ambulance tours. Smalley Academy is located at 175 West Street, New Britain CT.

Sacred Heart School Visit – Wednesday May 21, 2008

New Britain EMS will be at the Sacred Heart School from 10:00am-1:00pm providing students and teachers with an overview of the EMS system, injury prevention tips from our robot Pete the Paramedic and conducting ambulance tours. Sacred Heart School is located at 34 Orange Street, New Britain CT.

File of Life Program at New Britain Senior Center – Wednesday May 21, 2008

New Britain EMS will be at the New Britain Senior Center from 9:00am-12:00pm assisting seniors in filling out a personalized File of Life. The File of Life program is supported by the New Britain TRIAD. New Britain Senior Center is located at 75 Pearl Street, New Britain.

The File of Life program helps New Britain EMS provide services at times when you or a family member may not be able to communicate effectively due to medical reasons or personal injury.

Residents with severe medical problems, seniors, and other interested citizens are provided a **FREE** File of Life packet. The packet consists of a File of Life Information Card and a vinyl cardholder for placement on your refrigerator door.

The File of Life information card has areas to record personal information concerning medical conditions, drug allergies, emergency contact numbers for friends and family members, doctors information, prescription information and any special circumstances EMS personnel should know.

In an emergency, EMS will look for the File of Life card on your refrigerator door. Your File of Life information will help guide on-scene treatment, notification of your doctor and your family members. Immediate access to this information greatly helps EMS personnel provide the best in quality care.

Mock DUI Car Accident at New Britain High School – Thursday May 22, 2008

New Britain EMS will be at the New Britain High School at 9:00am conducting a vehicle extrication exercise simulating the devastating effects of driving under the influence of alcohol. This exercise will be conducted in partnership with the New Britain Fire Department and the New Britain Police Department. Participants in this drill will be students from the EMT-B and MRT programs at the New Britain High which are instructed by New Britain EMS.

New Britain High School is located at 110 Mill Street Street, New Britain CT. Demonstration is weather dependant