



News for George Regional Health System Employees

Mississippi Hospital Association Recognizes Butch Murphy

September 2015



Butch Murphy, Assistant Safety Director, recently received two out of three Federal Communications Commission (FCC) radio licenses and plans to get a third one soon. Butch received his technician license at an Amateur Radio training hosted by the Mississippi Hospital Association's Emergency Preparedness Program in April. Two months later, he earned a General license at an FCC approved test site sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). Butch hopes to expand the hospital's emergency response capacity by growing his expert knowledge in alternative radio communications.

Amateur radio is a gateway for technology enthusiasts to make advancements in broadcast communication, while improving technical skills. For some enthusiasts, amateur radio is a hobby, but for others it is a community service. Amateur radio has been used by volunteers and local responders to save lives when regular forms of communications fail.

Butch knows the importance of alternative communications during major disasters. He has worked as a safety professional in several states and experienced most everything Mother Nature can dish out. His experiences include devastation from snow storms, floods, hail, earthquakes, fires, mudslides, ice storms, and tornadoes. He also weathered hurricanes Katrina and Ivan. Butch said, "Throughout all of my experiences, one thing stands out...the integral piece in the response process—communication!"

Butch is an avid supporter of alternative radio communications use in hospitals. Having committed 20 years as a volunteer fireman, 12 years as employee at George Regional Health System, and 7 years as a certified medical first responder, Butch now wants to become more involved in radio emergency services. Supporting Butch in his endeavors are his wife, 4 children, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Hospitalist Team Welcomes Rogers-Mixon



Brie Rogers-Mixon, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner/Hospitalist, has joined Dr. Scott and Dr. Collins to provide hospitalist services at George Regional Hospital.

GRHS Employees Present Check

System employees raised more than \$8,000 for the American Cancer Society. Here, Greg Havard, CEO, Marsha Ruth, Radiology, and Jessica Tootle, Radiology, present a check to Craig MacKay, Relay for Life Community Manager.



Pink Pumpkin Patch Breast Cancer Walk

Our 4th annual breast cancer fundraiser is fast approaching. The event is set for **Saturday October 3**. The 5K begins at 8:30 followed by the One Mile Fun Run shortly after. Registration deadline to guarantee a race shirt is September 14. This year's shirts will be a royal blue marbled V-neck with neon pink and lime green design. Registration is \$20. There's an event link on our Facebook page, so be sure to invite your friends and family.

Pink Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Don't forget about our departmental challenge! We want our Pink Pumpkin Patch to be filled with decorated pumpkins this year—so we are challenging each department to decorate a pumpkin. The winning department will be served a catered meal (breakfast, lunch or dinner—depending on shift). The meal will be served by Greg Havard and the 5K committee. Just have your department fill out a registration form for a pumpkin and turn it in by September 14th. Pumpkins are only \$10.



Community Urgent Care Extends Hours

Beginning September 1, Community Urgent Care will offer walk-in appointments from noon to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Patients need to be checked in no later than 30 minutes prior to closing.

- Colds/sougs
- Fever/flu
- Ear aches
- Sore throat
- Allergic relations
- Headache
- Sinus infections
- Strains/sprains



Did You Know?

The George Regional Radiology Department performed more than 24,000 procedures last year? Their capabilities match all of the larger hospitals in the area. They can even perform radiology procedures ordered by out-of-town doctors.

- Diagnostic Services include:
- X-Ray
 - Digital Mammography
 - 16 Slice CT Scan
 - MRI
 - Nuclear studies
 - Fluoroscopy
 - Ultrasound

September is...

- National Cholesterol Education Month
- Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- Environmental Services and Housekeeping Week (September 13-19)
- National Surgical Tech Week (September 20-26)



Give the Gift of Life!

Blood Drive

September 29

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

George Regional Hospital