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EMS Team Places First for Third Time in Regional Paramedic Competition

Amanda Reeves and Becky Smyth are the only all-women team to win first place.

Charleston County Government is proud to announce that [Emergency Medical Service \(EMS\)](#) paramedics [Amanda Reeves and Becky Smyth](#) placed first in the Lowcountry Regional Emergency Medical Services Competition, which was held on Feb. 6 at the Lowcountry Regional EMS Office in North Charleston.

Reeves and Smyth, both 10-year employees of Charleston County EMS, should be used to winning by now. They were the first all-women team to win the state EMS paramedic competition in 2002 and again in 2004. They have the distinction of being the only all-women team to win first place at the regional and state levels.

That is why it was no surprise to the County to learn the news that the Reeves-Smyth team won the regional competitions last month and are headed to the state finals to hopefully catch the state title for the third time.

“Becky and Amanda are a fantastic team,” said Don Lundy, Charleston County EMS Director. “You can watch them at work, and it looks like a symphony of events. Every move is coordinated. Everything is done for the patient in a timely manner and with speed.”

Charleston County EMS came in first place in the regional competition, followed in second place by the Town of Mount Pleasant Fire Department and in third place by Dorchester County EMS.

The entire EMS workforce supported its team’s efforts.

“Of course, there are many of my crews who do this level of care every day with real patients, and we have always been one big family,” Lundy said.

Lundy cautioned that in competition it’s different, even harder, than performing regular EMS care.

“We do this with real patients every day. However, we don’t have judges hanging over us asking various questions. In that sense, competition is much more nerve-wracking,” he said. “Add to that the fact that you perform the finals in front of an audience of 400-plus paramedics and emergency medical technicians, all watching with trained eyes, as you go through the scenario.”

The [2010 South Carolina State Paramedic Championship](#) will be held on Thursday, April 15, in the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. It is one of the highlights of the South Carolina Emergency Care Symposium. The champions from each of the four EMS regions in South Carolina and the 2009 Paramedic Championship team will compete for the championship title. The Paramedic Championship features professional actors and an elaborate set design to create a challenging scenario for the competitors. Admission to the Paramedic Championship is free for the public.

[About the Lowcountry Regional Emergency Medical Services Council](#)

The Lowcountry Regional Emergency Medical Services Council is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization serving the 12 counties in the Lowcountry region by providing training, consulting and technical assistance to emergency services agencies and other allied health agencies and personnel. It is the express purpose of the EMS Council to assist in the development of emergency health care systems within EMS Region IV of South Carolina, and to

increase the accessibility and continuity of the overall quality of health care in the Lowcountry Region of South Carolina.

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