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Delaware County—Delaware County EMS celebrates 40 years of service

The Delaware County Commissioners will likely approve a proclamation this Thursday, April 19, recognizing 40 years of service for the Delaware County EMS. Many past and present DCEMS employees, current and past elected officials, residents and friends of DCEMS will be in attendance to celebrate the department's 40th anniversary, with a reception planned following the Commissioners Session. We invite the media to join us for an opportunity to talk with the pioneers who began a service which today consists of 11 locations, nearly 140 employees, and responds to more than 6200 calls per year. We also hope to have several members of the families whose loved ones were early patients of DCEMS and would also have a great story to share.

Prior to 1972, it was common for ill and injured patients in Delaware County to be transported by funeral homes, along with the early concepts of volunteer and paid EMTs in Liberty Township and the City of Delaware. On April 18, 1972, emergency medical services began to be provided countywide in a combined effort between the Delaware County Commissioners, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, and the Jane Case Hospital. From 1972 to 1978, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office supplied two ambulance cruisers to develop what is known today as the Delaware County EMS and in 1978, transferred the responsibility back to the Delaware County Commissioners.

"This Board of County Commissioners looks forward to the continued professionalism and exceptional service provided by the paramedics of Delaware County EMS now and well into the future," shared Commission President Dennis Stapleton.

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