



HCEC Happenings

July Anniversaries

2 Years

Tiffani Edge

5 Years

Will Barrett

7 Years

Forrest Cruse

Dr. Cameron Decker

Staphany Martinez

Mike Marzano

Ashley Ruiz

Tina Townsend

9 Years

Ramon Reyna

10 Years

Isaiah Cameron

Lonzo Mathews

Monty Northern

Philip Pegg

11 Years

Max Garner

14 Years

Becky Williams

15 Years

Brian Cariota

Rafael Galvan

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New Behavioral Health Direct Admissions Program Launched

In June, we launched our new Behavioral Health Direct Admission program in partnership with Cypress Creek Hospital. As of today, the process was initiated 32 times with 25 completed transports. This means 25 fewer behavioral health patients in local emergency rooms, 25 patients with direct access to mental health care, and a health care cost savings (25 ER visits) of around \$50,000!

We hope you are all finding this process beneficial to our patients, and we appreciate your patience as we work through any hiccups. Please also see the attached reference guide as a reminder of the procedure. Please remember—if you are attempting to initiate a behavioral health direct transport, complete the associated worksheet on ImageTrend, even if the transport is denied or there are no available beds. The worksheets are an integral part of our tracking process, and we need your help to obtain accurate metrics and identify areas for improvement.

Thanks for all your hard work,

Corey

Speaking of mental health, don't forget the new National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number is 9-



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July Birthdays

Hashim Zaidi	7/1
Chris McHan	7/2
Drew Crutchfield	7/5
Jessica Young	7/6
Jessa Vochoska	7/9
Kelli Carpenter	7/20
Precious Harris	7/25
Annalisa Paddon	7/28
Troy Parks	7/29
Jacob Dugat	7/31

Your Money Line

Your Money Line was introduced to employees in June at our most recent trimester CE. Our Money Line is the newest addition to our benefits package and is available to all full-time staff only.

Your Money Line is a FREE financial wellness resource that gives you access to Accredited Financial Advisors. These advisors are available to help you with analyzing your current financial position and helping you plan for the future. You can access this benefit by registering for your personal dashboard at yourmoneyline.com/hcec.

Happy
BIRTHDAY

Public Service Loan Forgiveness

Do you have student loan debt? The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program may be of benefit to you! To find out more visit [Fact Sheet: Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\) Program Overhaul](#) | [U.S. Department of Education](#)



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August Birthdays

Margaret Ideler	8/2
Marisol Puerto	8/2
Tony Tuttoilmondo	8/2
Tara Baumann	8/4
Amy Gonzales	8/4
Debbie Rice	8/5
Kathy Chain	8/7
Isaiah Black	8/8
Kevin Chang	8/8
John Irwin	8/8
Bryan LeBouf	8/8
Shannon Cole	8/11
Alvaro Gonzalez	8/11
Shaun Kirkdorffer	8/11
Lyamar Crockett	8/14
Sue Poparad	8/14
Celeste Gras	8/19
Shelby Chancey	8/21
Jennifer Clemonds	8/21
James Carpenter	8/23
Moses Landaverde	8/26
Mike Van Outryve	8/28

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Clinical Upgrades

In June, clinical services presented the biggest In-Charge Academy at HCEC ever held to date. Congratulations to Jennifer Clemonds, Nick Carvalho, Chase Hinman , and Lyamar Crockett on obtaining your ICP status. Not too far behind them are Margaret Ideler, Alex Cherem, and Rodrigo Solana who are currently in field training.

Congratulations to all of those who have completed the In-Charge Academy! We appreciate your time and dedication to advancing your role at HCEC.

In April, the promotion of several field staff to FTO-1 was announced. In June the first in-house FTO Academy was presented over two days by the current FTO-2s. Congratulations to Austin Dickson, Moses Landaverde, Julio Mejia, Steven Nelson, Joe Patterson, Collin Poole, and Slate Uys on your promotions to FTO-1 and completion of the FTO Academy. We look forward to your contributions to the future of HCEC.

Congratulations to Michael Graham on obtaining his Licensed Paramedic and Shameeka Murphy on obtaining her AEMT.

-Jane



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New Faces in Familiar Places

Jahcoby Fields, LP

Jahcoby is from Amarillo, Tx, and chose HCEC to start his career in EMS. Jahcoby decided to work in EMS because he enjoys the work culture and positive attitudes. HCEC was his top choice because he knew that he would be provided the opportunity to learn and develop as a new paramedic. In his free time he enjoys spending the day at the lake with his family and traveling as much as possible. A fun fact about Jahcoby is that he did a day hike of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Welcome to HCEC Jahcoby! We are happy you have joined us!



Jahcoby Fields
LP

Justin Kosley, EMT-B

Justin was born in Houston and raised in Sugar Land. He works at a chemical plant as an engineer and has served as a EMT-B there for one year.

Justin decided to join EMS because he likes to help his community and enjoys being able to see the difference he can make in someone's day. Justin decided to become a reserve at HCEC in order to keep up his skills and experience a wide variety of calls. In his free time, Justin enjoys golfing (poorly) and spending time with his family. An interesting fact about Justin is that he is red-green colorblind. Thank you for volunteering your time to serve the Aldine community! Welcome to HCEC.



Justin Kosley
EMT-B, Reserve



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Anthony Guzzo
AEMT, Reserve



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Anthony Guzzo, AEMT

Anthony is from Cary, North Carolina and has been in EMS for about 2 years. He enjoys working in EMS because he gets to meet new people and solve unique challenges. Anthony chose to become a reserve at HCEC in order to engage with different parts of the Houston community and expand his knowledge. In his free time, he likes to take walks, bike, and try out new and fun foods. A fun fact about Anthony is that he has a twin. We are glad you chose HCEC to volunteer your time to the community. Welcome to our family.

Employee Engagement

October is rapidly, approaching along with our annual Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser.

Please feel free to submit your designs for our annual BCA t-shirts to lnanninga@hcec.com. If your design is chosen, you will receive a \$100 gift card. The person who sells the most shirts will also receive a \$100 gift card.

The blood drive is September 1st in the training room at Station 92. Be sure to sign up for your appointment today! A random drawing will be done for all participants for a \$50 gift card. Bring a friend or family member for extra entries!

Is there something you are interested in seeing at HCEC? I would love to hear your ideas.

-Lindsey



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TEMSA Recognitions

At the annual Texas EMS Alliance Conference in August, HCEC had two members recognized. Congratulations to Kenneth Elliot on being named EMS Professional of the Year. TEMSA's site states, "Ken Elliott and his partner, Howard Pham, transported a patient to HCA Conroe for a mental health evaluation and emergency detention order. Officers secured the scene and restrained the patient for transport. While in emergency department's hallway waiting for a room, the patient, who still remained secured to the gurney, was able to retrieve a small caliber firearm from under her dress and fired two rounds.

Ken took immediate action and disarmed the patient, averting a potentially dangerous outcome. No one was injured due to his quick response and heroic efforts. The Conroe Police Department and the City Council both recognized Ken for his actions."

The second member of HCEC to receive recognition was Jeremy Hyde. Congratulations Jeremy on being named EMS LEADER of the Year. TEMSA's website states, "Jeremy Hyde is an EMS leader who ensures that his agency is providing outstanding service to the community and goes the extra mile to enhance the nation's EMS system for future generations.

Under Jeremy's leadership, Harris County Emergency Corps has achieved and maintained CAAS Accreditation since 2014, EMD ACE Accreditation, and received the AHA Mission Lifeline EMS GOLD PLUS designation in cardiac care every year since 2018. In addition, Harris County Emergency Corps has served as a leader in community health paramedicine, expertise in large events and other EMS initiatives during his tenure.

Jeremy's work as innovator goes far beyond his EMS agency. He recognizes the critical importance of working with peers through state and federal EMS organizations and governmental bodies. As a result, he encourages Harris County Emergency Corps' team to volunteer countless hours with these organizations to further the evolution of EMS in America."

Congratulations Jeremy and Kenneth!



**Kenneth Elliot
receiving his
award for EMS
Professional of
the Year**



**Jeremy Hyde
receiving his
award for EMS
Leader of the
Year**



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Walk Like MADD

The Wellness Committee would like to invite you to participate in this year's Harris and Montgomery County Walk Like MADD event.

This event will be held in Jersey Village on September 24, 2022, at 9 am. This is a walk event for a non-profit organization called Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

MADD helps raise both awareness and funds to eliminate drunk and drugged driving. HCEC will also have an ambulance on-site, alongside other public safety organizations (Fire, Police, EMS) showing our support for all those in our community affected by the damages of drunk driving.

We have created a team for HCEC and need your help!

How can YOU help? You can do your part by...

- Donating to help us reach our fundraising goal
- Walking alongside us to take steps to stop these violent crimes !!
- Spreading the word about Walk Like MADD by using the hashtag #WalkLikeMADD

If you are interested in walking alongside us or donating, PLEASE REGISTER for the team using the link below! We also encourage you to share that link with others, so they may donate to the cause as well.

We would like to have team shirts, so please register by 9/10/22 in order for us to have an accurate headcount for supplies.

<https://www.walklikemadd.org/team/19463>

-The Wellness Committee



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1 Year

Juliana Barron
Joshua Hight
Jerry Reyes

2 Years

Jennifer Bates
Ken Elliot
Katherine Gaitan
Aaron Henshall
Jose Luna
Annalisa Paddon
Alex Williams

4 Years

David Clark
Sarah Martin
Slate Uys
Killian Windmon

5 Years

Hiram Castro
Dan Lopez

6 Years

Evan Scott

7 Years

Erin Turner

8 Years

Isaiah Black
Ryan Wogan

13 Years

Lindsey Nanninga

14 Years

Martin Douglas

16 Years

Riva Saenz

24 Years

Tony Tuttoilmondo

25 Years

Chad Adam

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

ACLS EP	9/2
Intro to Ultrasound	9/7
ACLS Update	9/20
PALS Update	9/27
DAC-EMS	9/29-9/30
PHTLS Hybrid	10/6
ATLS Refresher	10/7
ATLS	10/8-10/9
Case Review	10/12
TCE 3	10/15,18,19,20

As a friendly reminder, all
credentialed employees are
required to attend TCE.

Discounts for Days

Feeling Lucky? Harrah's, Horshoe, Caesar's Palace, Flamingo, Paris, Bally's, Planet Hollywood, and Rio value the courage and sacrifice of Police, Firefighters, EMTs, First Responders, and Active and Veteran Military, by giving you up to a 30% discount off hotel stays. In addition to promotional sales applied to your reservations, they will deduct another 30% off the lowest available rate of your stay at Caesars locations in the U.S.