

EMS takes its case to the community

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In recent weeks, we in the EMS Division have attempted to educate the public on the state of pre-hospital care in Lexington County.

The week of Sept. 16-22 was designated National EMS Week to recognize "America's life savers."

A fully stocked ambulance was set up in center court of Columbiana Centre. Equipment was displayed, paramedics and EMTs answered questions, monitored several hundred blood pressures and talked to the public about EMS and 911.

Techniques for extricating victims entrapped in auto accidents were demonstrated and a rappel and simulated high-level rescue was demonstrated from atop Irmo Fire Department's Tower 17 ladder truck.

Many county employees and the general public took advantage of blood-pressure screenings held during the week in the Administration Building and at the Lexington Branch Library.

A curious fact we noted was that blood pressures increased in relation to how high the employee's office was located.

Several show-and-tells were held throughout the county at schools, senior centers and the Fire Prevention Expo. Programs included ambulance displays, first-aid and safety lectures and slide shows.

Thanks must be given to all those who made this a success.



Suspense

Acting EMS Coordinator Tom Gross, top, and Senior Paramedic Stuart Platt rappel on a rope suspended from Irmo's ladder truck during a demonstration at Columbiana Centre.