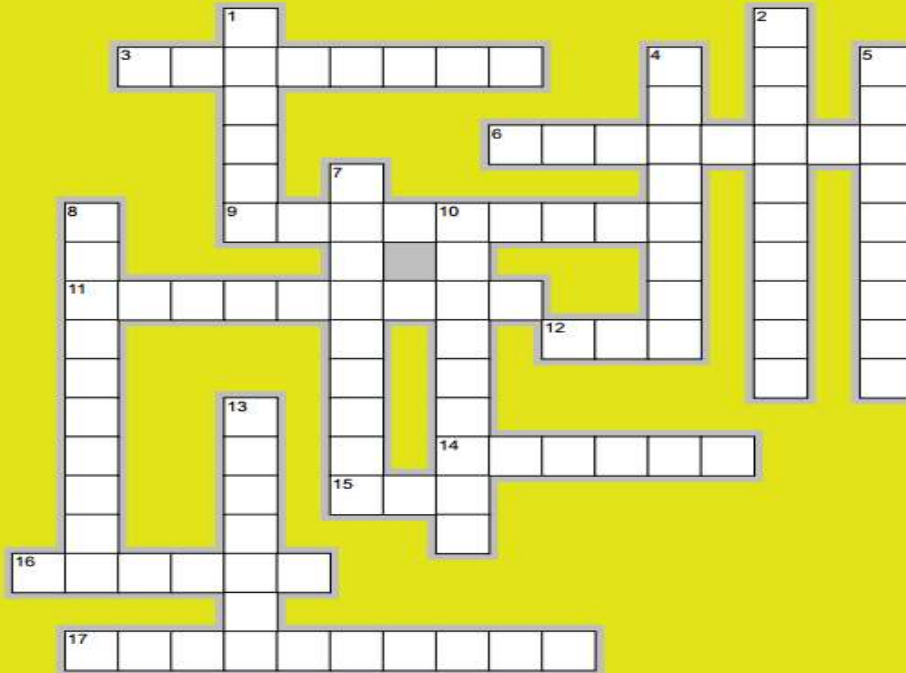


LaMoure County Volunteer Ambulance Services

EMS Week PUZZLE



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Please read this information about National EMS week and your local volunteer ambulance. The words for the crossword puzzle can be found in the story below.

May 15 – 21st is National Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) week. This week celebrates those individuals that are trained in basic and advanced life support – first responders, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Paramedics. In your community, these individuals are all volunteers – they may be your teacher, neighbor, or parent. These individuals are called to help when there is an emergency.

Often, a bystander will witness an emergency and will dial 9-1-1 on a phone and provide an address and condition of the patient. The trained EMS providers will arrive on scene, assess the patient,

and transport the individual in an ambulance with their lights flashing. The Star of Life will be on the ambulance and often the EMS providers will have clothing that have this symbol as this is a sign of EMS. Drivers should pull over when they see an emergency vehicle. The ambulance is transporting the patient to a hospital emergency room.

EMS providers want their community to stay safe. They promote and assist with several safety programs throughout the year such as bicycle helmet safety, child seat belts, first aid, CPR, ATV and snowmobile safety, and babysitting training. The trainers may use manikins to practice CPR and have students wear gloves to practice first aid procedures or use scissors to cut tape for to secure a bandage. In the first aid class, they may also talk about common breathing difficulties like asthma or allergy reactions or stopping a nose bleed.

EMS providers work with the Fire Department and Sheriff and Police Departments and train on equipment for accidents such as jaws of life for extrication, moving accident victims on spinal backboards and on a stairchair. Together, all these first responders want you to stay safe and healthy in your community!

ACROSS

3. What a driver should do when an ambulance approaches with lights and siren
6. Perpetual patients
9. Ambulance safety feature
11. Transports patients to the hospital
12. Emergency Medical Services, briefly
14. A common cause of breathing difficulty
15. Lifesaving procedure (abbr.)
16. Headgear for bicycle riders
17. Rescue extrication tool

DOWN

1. Protective and handy
2. Used to carry patients up and down
4. Paramedics often carry these on their belts
5. Someone who witnesses a medical emergency
7. A man or woman trained in advanced life support
8. International EMS symbol
10. Spinal immobilization tool
13. Important information for 911