
**Start planning now for the week and month that honor
emergency responders**

**EMS Week, May 20-26, 2007
Trauma Awareness Month, May 2007**



photo by Sydney Wootten

Have you started planning for EMS Week, May 20-26? What about Trauma Awareness Month in May? EMS Week honors all who work as part of the Texas EMS and trauma network. These two events are the perfect time to tell people in your community about the important role you play in the health of your community. And that's a message you can't emphasize too much as your workload increases and government budgets shrink. It's also a perfect opportunity to bring the message of safety to your community. If you have questions or comments about EMS Week or Trauma Awareness Month, or simply want some help in planning activities, call us at (512) 834-6700.

Here are a few things that might help you plan:

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) once again has

produced complimentary planning packets to help communities promote EMS Week Activities. The theme of this year is **EMS: Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service**, which focuses on the commitment and dedication of the EMS providers who provide an essential community service everyday nationwide. ACEP's packet can be ordered online at www.acep.org. Packets can also be ordered directly from ACEP by calling (800) 796-1822, then pressing 6 for publications when prompted by automated voicemail.

Injury prevention brochures and Ready Teddy coloring books and stickers are still available. Please use the order form on page 2 of this issue to order coloring books and other materials you'll need for EMS Week activities. And remember, order early!

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