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FLORIDA HEALTH THANKS EMTS AND PARAMEDICS DURING FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION WEEK



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Tallahassee, Fla. —Governor Rick Scott has proclaimed the week of Jan. 4–8, 2016 as Florida First Responder Appreciation Week. Florida’s first responders include law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMT) and paramedics who are dedicated to protecting residents and visitors every day. The Florida Department of Health is proud to say thank you to these selfless individuals.

“I want to extend my sincerest thanks to the more than 60,000 licensed EMTs and paramedics who serve Florida’s families every day,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. “When the unexpected happens, you are there to protect the health and well-being of all Floridians and visitors.”

Emergency medical services help save lives and reduce further injuries in times of crisis. Appreciation of their valued services is what helps these professionals continue in this line of work year after year. The commitment shown by our first responders is paramount to the safety of our state. Please join us in thanking the men and women who protect our families and communities.

To read Governor Scott’s proclamation, click [here](#).

Florida’s educators can use this [valuable and free toolkit](#) to celebrate the week with students.

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