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Tri-State Ambulance announces Citizen's EMS Academy

When it comes to learning, many students feel that hands-on training works best. For a limited number of local residents, they'll get plenty of hands-on opportunities, thanks to the first ever Citizen's EMS Academy offered through Tri-State Ambulance. "We are offering this program to help prepare our community for emergencies," says Matt Zavadsky, MS-HSA, director, Tri-State Ambulance. "It will also provide valuable education on how the many components of our EMS system works together to save lives every day."

Currently, there is room for two more participants in the first session scheduled for Aug. 7. The daylong education program will provide participants with an interactive insight into emergency medical services. Tri-State Ambulance will offer a second Academy Sept. 4. Currently four spots remain for that date.

Academy participants will become certified in CPR including the use of automated defibrillators, try their hand at critical paramedic skills such as advanced airway and intravenous needle placement (on mannequins) and spend the time responding to calls with Tri-State Ambulance paramedics. Participants will also tour local emergency departments, and the regional medical communications center at Gundersen Lutheran.

The goal of the Academy is to educate the public. “Our EMT’s and paramedics are very excited about this program and we hope anyone who has an interest in EMS, or in learning how the system is structured to participate in this extremely valuable program,” says Gregg Bulman, clinical service coordinator, Tri-State Ambulance.

For more information about how to enroll in the Citizen’s EMS Academy contact Sandi Weber at Tri-State Ambulance during regular business hours at 608-784-8827.

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