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AMBULANCE SHARES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Greece Volunteer Ambulance has been named the 2013 Agency of the Year. PAGE A5

Greece Volunteer Ambulance reviews another successful year of service

Greece Volunteer Ambulance is excited to announce our recent award as the 2013 Agency of the Year for the Monroe and Livingston county region. We work hard to provide our community with the newest and most advanced emergency medical services in the state.

Congratulations to our new chief of operations, Jason Bortle. Bortle has been in EMS since 1996. Throughout his career he has held a certification at every level of EMS starting as an EMT-Basic, up to the level of a nationally certified critical care Paramedic. He has also held many different management roles through the years, along with multiple certifications and instructor level training. Chief Bortle started with GVA approximately five years ago as a paramedic and quickly moved up through the ranks.

Since 1959, when Greece Volunteer Ambulance was established, we have been a part of this ever growing community and continually strived to promote health and to help educate our neighbors. Every year there are new medical advances and the need for the public to be aware of ways they can help in life saving emergencies. GVA offers a rotating



Greece Volunteer Ambulance works with other emergency responders for training.

schedule of monthly classes for the community and other medical providers including heart saver CPR and heart saver first aid. On the third Wednesday of every month GVA offers a free car seat check by our nationally certified car seat technicians. For more information, contact Greece Volunteer Ambulance.

We also have a loan closet with crutches, walkers, wheelchairs and canes that are available to the public should someone be in need of any of these items. Stop by and someone will be happy to assist you.

GVA has had a long standing relationship with both the North Greece and Lake Shore fire departments. We have dedicated many hours to training in order to stay on top of the ever evolving medical advances and newest procedures in the emergency setting. We have also spent time training with the Barnard Fire Department. Together, we have been able to minimize response times getting to patient's and have been able to improve patient outcomes as a result of our combined training and teamwork.

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Greece Volunteer Ambulance shows off some of the equipment they use to save lives. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

instruction through real life scenarios and the appropriate way to render medical treatment to those who are sick or injured. We look forward to our continued training and interactions

with these departments as it helps all of us to become better providers for our community.

—Greece Volunteer Ambulance