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KARNES COUNTY EMS RECOGNIZED AS KARNES CITY ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

KARNES COUNTY--- Karnes County is excited to share that the Karnes County EMS was recently recognized as 'Organization of the Year' at the 93rd Karnes City Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet.

This special recognition comes during a fitting month as April is recognized as National County Government Month (NCGM.) It is an annual celebration of county government.

This year's National County Government Month theme is **ForwardTogether**.

ForwardTogether is about connecting, inspiring and leading – pillars of county government that build trust and drive towards solutions.

Karnes County EMS is a prime example of connecting, leading and inspiring; the very essence of being a dynamic pillar in the Karnes County community.

"We are extremely proud of our Karnes County EMS, we appreciate their hard work and dedication to our community; it was also taken into consideration their committed endeavor to do more for the health and safety for the citizens in our community and to be the best that can be as first responders for unprecedented emergency situations," Amelia "Mely" Martinez Karnes City Community Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. Karnes County EMS was also presented with "The State of Texas Governor's Certificate."

While visiting with Karnes County EMS Chief Casey Ebrom, he shared historical information about Karnes County EMS. The organization was established in the summer of 1972 as the Karnes County Volunteer Ambulance Association. "It has been the primary source of "911" ambulance coverage for the citizens and visitors of Karnes County for over 50 years," Ebrom said. "The countless hours of sacrifice and selfless dedication of the local volunteers quite literally kept the agency alive and well all of the way until the transition to a full-time career department in October of 2013," Ebrom added. Today, Karnes County EMS is a leader in rural emergency services. Previously recognized as the 2021 Texas EMS Alliance's EMS Agency of the

Year, Karnes County EMS serves as an example of an efficient, high-quality and patient centered organization. Operating three full-time ambulances located in Kenedy, Karnes City and Falls City along with an on-duty supervisor 24/7/365, the organization responds to approximately 2400 calls for service per year. Conducting both 911 and inter-facility transports from Otto Kaiser Memorial Hospital to higher levels of care in San Antonio, Victoria, Corpus Christi and beyond, the employees and leadership of the organization remains committed to providing the highest level of prehospital care. Karnes County EMS staffs nearly 30 employees (both full-time and part-time) and combined they have an impressive experience profile in all aspects of emergency medicine to include; prehospital, emergency room, ground and helicopter critical care transport.

Ebrom shared, “The core values of the organization: Compassion, Integrity, Selflessness and Professionalism keep the staff and the leadership team focused on providing the best patient centered outcomes possible. It is an honor to have been chosen as the Karnes City Chamber of Commerce 2023 Organization of the Year!”

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