

Outstanding Contribution to Profession

Jack Moody
Habersham EMS

Jack Moody's outstanding contributions to the EMS Profession over the past four decades while serving as the Director for Habersham Emergency Medical Services are numerous.

Jack, a soft-spoken leader who retired recently after over 42 years of service, began his EMS career with Habersham County EMS in 1974, when the County first began operating an ambulance service. Initially working as an EMT, Jack soon completed the Paramedic Course and served for several years as an EMS Educator with North Georgia Technical College, prior to his appointment as Director of Habersham EMS in 1989. Jack has always served as a positive role model for his EMS Service with Habersham Medical Center, which has received numerous national and state awards for promoting advanced stroke and cardiac care.

During the 28 years that Jack served as EMS Director, Habersham EMS not only made great advances in prehospital emergency care, but also partnered very closely with Habersham Medical Center and Northeast Georgia Medical Center to improve the care throughout the region and state for patients, who are having a Stroke, Heart Attack, or major Trauma event.

Under Jack's progressive leadership, Habersham EMS collaborated with Habersham Medical Center, which joined the Georgia Coverdell Stroke Registry at the onset in 2001, and together they were committed to improving healthcare for stroke patients in order to reduce the occurrence of Strokes and lower the stroke death rate. As a result of the successful efforts that Habersham Medical Center and EMS have made as a member of a statewide Pilot Program for Stroke care, Habersham Medical Center was awarded the Georgia Coverdell Champion Hospital of the Year in 2014, 2015, and 2017. Jack was also instrumental in Habersham Medical Center receiving the Target: Stroke Gold-Plus Award in 2016 from the American Heart Association.

Jack led his team with Habersham EMS to partner with the Ronnie Green Heart Center in Gainesville and developed an innovative heart attack fast-track treatment program, which has been implemented by several EMS Providers throughout Georgia. In 2006, the Georgia Hospital Association presented Habersham Medical Center with a Patient Safety Award for the STEMI program that Jack helped to implement. Eight years later, Habersham EMS received the 2014 American Heart Association Mission Lifeline EMS Bronze Award, which recognizes emergency responders for their efforts in improving STEMI systems of care and improving the quality of life for patients. In addition, Jack ended his career with Habersham County EMS as the 2016 recipient of the American Heart Association Mission Lifeline EMS Bronze Award.

Under Jack's progressive leadership, Habersham EMS has recently developed a Community Paramedicine Program, which provides an RN and Paramedic to make home visits to the underserved citizens who have chronic illnesses, such as Congestive Heart Failure, lung disease, and mental disorders. This program has been

very successful in helping these patients comply with their prescribed treatment plans and to reduce their readmission to the Medical Center.

During his career, Jack has been recognized with numerous Region and State EMS Awards, some of which include Habersham Medical Center's President's Award (1992, 2004), Georgia EMS Service of the Year (2007), and Georgia's EMS Director of the Year (2007), which was presented by the Georgia Association of EMS.

Jack Moody, recognized as one of the most respected EMS Directors in Georgia, is very deserving to receive this award for his commitment and dedication of over forty consecutive years of EMS Service toward the enhancement of prehospital care in Georgia.