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Wake County EMS to Celebrate Survivors of Cardiac Arrest Tuesday

Events planned as part of National EMS Week

Wake County EMS will honor 97 survivors of cardiac arrest at the 13th annual Code: Celebrate! on Tuesday, May 21. The free, public event, which takes place at 7 p.m. at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, will reunite survivors and the responders who cared for them.

The program will feature the story of a 45-year-old woman who received CPR from her husband after her heart stopped beating. He was able to care for her until responders arrived.

“This event provides an opportunity for survivors and responders to come together and share their stories,” said Dr. Jose Cabanas, director of Wake County EMS. “It’s inspiring for our EMS providers to talk with their former patients, meet their families and see the difference our team has made in their lives.”

The Wake County EMS system has one of the most successful cardiac arrest survival programs in the nation.

National EMS Week Kicks off Monday

Code: Celebrate! is part of National EMS Week, which runs through May 25. Wake County EMS will kick off EMS Week with an open house at Station 1 from 8 a.m. – noon on Monday, May 20.

- Learn hands-only CPR and how to use a defibrillator from Pete the Paramedic Panda.
- Check out an ambulance and learn about EMS.
- Get your blood pressure checked and receive tips for healthy living from Wake County Human Services staff.

EMS Station 1 is located at 120 W. Davie St. in downtown Raleigh.

Wake County EMS responded to approximately 107,000 requests for service in 2018. Learn more about Wake County EMS [here](#).

For more information about Code: Celebrate! or the open house, contact Jeffrey Hammerstein, assistant chief, Wake County EMS, at 919-625-3260 or jeffrey.hammerstein@wakegov.com.

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