



COUNTY OF MONTEREY
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SPECIALREPORT



This EMS event brought first responders and the community together for a day of fun and dazzled with a wide array of emergency equipment such as firetrucks, helicopters and rescue vehicles.

County Notes

- > Summer picnic season is here. Check out these safe [food handling tips](#) from the Health Department.

EMS Event Showcases County Coordination, Partners

Emergency responders are there when you need them, and for a short time last month, there to share with the community how they do their jobs. The County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency assembled its partners for a day to show the community how responders serve and save.

The 'EMS Week Event' is now an annual activity which reminds the community about these critical services. It draws young and old alike to learn



EMS event attendees had the chance to set inside a rescue helicopter (above) and watch a demonstration by ambulance personnel (below).

more about the agencies who serve them and lets them get up close and personal with responders and equipment. The event was held Friday, May 20th at the Salinas Soccer Fields.

For more than three hours, over 300 children and adults strolled around the soccer fields to enjoy a panorama of emergency services. Displays included ambulances, fire trucks, Haz Mat vehicles, medical helicopters and rescue vehicles. Other organizations such as local hospitals, EMS training programs and service organizations manned information displays.



While a lot of the displays and demonstrations have that 'wow' factor, such as the CAL FIRE helicopter air rescue demonstration or the Jaws of Life vehicle rescue, this event is not just a show.

“By showing off how these emergency procedures are provided and the people behind the services, residents feel connected and are more comfortable when they call for help,” says Michael Petrie, Director of Monterey County’s EMS Agency.

Monterey County’s EMS system is an organized effort under the coordination of the Monterey County EMS Agency. This coordination begins even before the call to 911 through training of EMS personnel and developing a system of response to that call for assistance. Once the

call for medical assistance is received at the 911 center, a variety of responders are mobilized in response to the call for help.

Event organizers want to thank the many agencies who participated and shared their information with the community.

Pavement Project Grounds for Award

Knowing that RMA - Public Works Division has hundreds of miles of county roads to manage, you really appreciate a smooth ride when traveling around our county.

That smooth ride and safe road are the result of a lot of hard work and Public Works staff are getting some kudos for their efforts. Recently, Granite Rock Company singled out the Maintenance Team for its excellence in evaluation, delivery and pavement maintenance related to the County's Chip Seal program. The recognition took place during Granite's Pavement Expo, an event which brings professionals in the industry together for seminars, demonstrations and a quarry tour.

Members of the award-winning team include:

- Jonathan Pascua, Senior Engineer (Design),
- Jesus Guico, Engineering Aide II
- Oscar Cervantes, Safety Coordinator,
- James "Hop" Essick, Road Maintenance Supervisor
- Ramon Martinez, Bridge Crew Superintendent
- Bill Vermilyer, Road Maintenance District 1 Superintendent
- Art Guedea, Road Maintenance District 2 Superintendent
- Carl Donley, Road Maintenance District 3 Superintendent
- Dave Gillis, Road Maintenance District 4 Superintendent



RMA Public Works crews at work on one of its many chip seal projects. Chip sealing is the process of pavement treatment that provides a new road surface and seals minor cracks.



Michael Goetz.

Other awards recently received by Public Works include the American Public Works Association, Monterey Bay Chapter naming the department's River Road Overlay Project its 'Project of the Year.'

You might also be interested to know that Monterey County's Surveyor was also singled out for an award. Michael Goetz was named 'County Surveyor of the Year' by the County Engineers Association of California. Goetz is the appointed County Surveyor and is Chief of the Survey Section of RMA - Public Works Division. The Office of the County Surveyor is responsible for examining and signing all survey maps prior to their being filed with the County Recorder.

Congratulations to all honorees!

Help is Just a Click Away.....

If you get a call from a member of the public with a concern or complaint and not sure how to help, one of the features on the county website might be of use....the How Do I section for reporting complaints.

The upper navigation bar of the county website has options for businesses, residents, visitors as well as a section simply called 'How Do I...' This section includes lots of links to commonly used services or points of contact. It also has a series of links under the "Report" section where residents or other can report concerns or complaints.

It's not usual for a member of the public seeking information to come into contact with a county department that does not have the answer they need. If you do get such an inquiry and are not sure how to redirect, check the How Do I section to see if any of the links there might be useful.

REPORT

- Animal Complaints
- Child Abuse or Neglect
- Code Violation Complaint
- Crime Tip
- Disability Access Issue
- Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse
- Environmental Health (Food, Sewage, Housing) Complaints
- Fraud
- Identity Theft
- Pesticide Complaint