

Meet Sherry Hannesson



Sherry Hannesson is a RN EMR (1st Responder) for the Mountain Quick Response for 27 years. She has been married for 48 years, they have 3 children who all live within 5 miles of their farm. They have 6 grand children. They farm small grains and some row crops. Sherry started working for PCMH as a relief cook in 1980. Later she worked as a CNA and then went on to nursing school. She worked for the facility for 30 years. She is now an RN working for the Good Samaritan Home Care in Cavalier County.

With the knowledge that her parents and her husband's parents were in need of more health care, Sherry was concerned what they would do in case of an emergency. With encouragement from friends and neighbors they fulfilled the need of a Quick Response Unit. The Cavalier Ambulance was very supportive to their squad and was essential in getting their Mountain Quick Response organized. They provided all the education we needed, assisted and set us up with what equipment we would need.

Sherry explains, "We were up to 15 members initially and we had great comrade while learning at each of our meetings. We answer a call per a paging system through the 911 dispatch service in Cavalier's Sheriff Office. What we do at each scene is different. We basically stabilize the patient, check their vital signs, monitor traffic if needed until a patrol vehicle arrives, administer aid per O2, bandaging, moral support for the family, CPR and attach a self diagnostic defibrillator if warranted. We are a small squad now and just moved into our new facility. We are looking for any recruits to help in any way!"

Sherry grew up in a family that was taught to volunteer; so it was natural to volunteer for the church, Borg Memorial Home and other community groups. "I enjoy the feeling of helping when people are in need and assisting them to get the proper care quickly."

When asking Sherry about one particular incident in EMS that made an impact on her life, she said, "there are too many to mention just one. But the gratitude we have received from the multiple people we have given care, gives us more than enough thanks." Several times our clients had stated, "I thought I was a goner until I saw you come to help."

Sherry's message to others is, "The community is in need of any assistance from all walks of life. Please consider some volunteer time to give to one another. The expense is taken care of by our squad and you only need to learn at your own pace. If not for this opportunity I don't think I would have gone to nursing school and accomplished what I have. I love encouraging young people to continue to learn and help other people."