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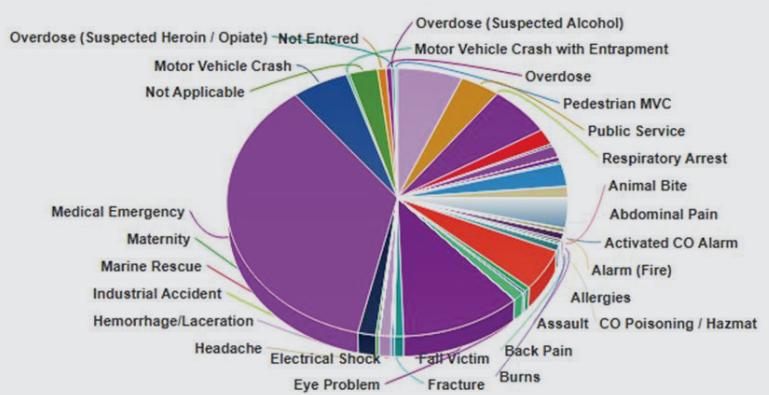
Gloucester County Leads the State in Emergency Response

Under the oversight of Commissioner Director Frank DiMarco and Commissioner Liaison Tom Bianco, Gloucester County Emergency Response continues to set the standard as the first county-wide emergency response center in New Jersey. Originally launched as the Gloucester County Communications Center, the operation has grown from dispatching a handful of fire and EMS units to coordinating all 41 fire departments, 6 ambulance squads, and 4 paramedic units countywide.

Our Police Communications Center now dispatches for all 24 municipalities, as well as the Sheriff's Department, Prosecutor's Office, SWAT, and the Mobile Deployment Team.

This year alone, GCEMS has responded to well over 30,000 calls for service, including more than 10,700 medical emergencies, keeping residents safe with swift and reliable service.

The graphic below represents, in percentages, the types of calls our EMS have responded to



Community First Aid & CPR Training

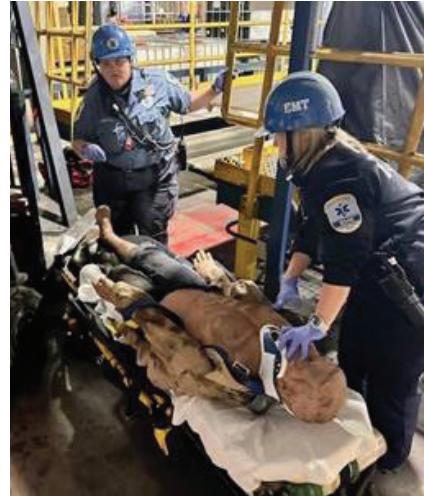
Gloucester County EMS places a strong emphasis on community training and outreach. As an American Heart Association Training Site, GCEMS provides CPR training and certification for healthcare professionals including EMTs, paramedics, nurses, and doctors.

In addition, GCEMS offers free hands-only CPR training for local groups such as churches, scouting organizations, senior groups, youth sports teams, and community organizations, with commercial trainings available at a nominal cost. For more information or to schedule a training program, contact nminosse@co.goucester.nj.us or scan the QR code.



GCEMS SUPPORTS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

Gloucester County EMS recently joined the Gibbstown–Paulsboro Community Advisory Panel (GAP-CAP) to participate in an emergency preparedness exercise with ExxonMobil Product Solutions in Paulsboro. EMTs Alexa Gentile and Michelle Cockrell, supported by Supervisor Chris Rosser and AttC Dawn Amos, represented the department during the drill. The exercise highlighted both GCEMS's professionalism and the importance of public–private partnerships in keeping Gloucester County residents safe and prepared.



FREE NALOXONE TRAINING AND KITS AVAILABLE

Gloucester County Human & Special Services' Addictions Services Unit, in partnership with Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine and the Living Proof Recovery Center at Rowan College of South Jersey, is offering free Naloxone nasal spray kits with training. November's session will be held on Monday, November 17. Trainings are free, but registration is required.

To register, scan the QR code.



WHO TO CALL FOR DEER REMOVAL ON LOCAL AND COUNTY ROADS

For deer removal from County roads and from Borough / Township roads, please call Gloucester County public works at **856 307-6400** or email: PublicWorks@co.gloucester.nj.us. Please note that deer found on state highways need to be reported at: www.njdotproblemreporting.com

The highway division does not handle the removal of other animals from any County or local roadways. Please contact your local municipality for assistance.

AUTUMN ADVENTURES AWAITS: CANOE AND KAYAK TOURS AT WILSON LAKE

Enjoy the crisp autumn air with a guided canoe or kayak tour at Scotland Run Park's Nature Center. Explore the beauty of Wilson Lake and take in the natural scenery on these relaxing outings.

Paddles are held on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays from September through November, 9:30–11:30 AM** (please arrive at Wilson Lake Beach by 9:15 AM). Canoes and kayaks are available, but participants must be able to operate their chosen boat. Space is limited and **registration is required**.

This program is free and open to the public.

UPCOMING DATES:

- **November 6** (Registration opens October 24)
- **November 20** (Registration opens November 7)

Scan the QR code to register.



PHOTO CONTEST: SHOW US YOUR GLOUCESTER COUNTY PRIDE!

We've been thrilled by the overwhelming response to our photo contest. Thank you to everyone who shared their favorite local shots. Your photos reflect a genuine love for our community and we appreciate your participation.

Scan here to email your best photos of Gloucester County to gciaphotocontest@gmail.com for a chance to be featured in an upcoming newsletter. Be sure to include the photographer's name with your entry.



Congratulations to this month's winner, Kyle Kopczynski, for his photo of robin eggs in his backyard in Swedesboro!

Keep those submissions coming. We love seeing Gloucester County through your lens!

NOVEMBER IS ADOPT A SENIOR PET MONTH

November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month, and the Gloucester County Animal Shelter, under the oversight of Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco, is celebrating by helping older pets find loving homes. Senior pets are often the last to be adopted, but they are just as loyal and loving as their younger counterparts.

As part of this initiative, the Shelter is **waiving adoption fees for pets age 6 and older**. This fee waiver includes: spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, wormer, microchip, a heartworm test and bordetella for dogs, and FELV/FIV testing for cats.

ADOPTION HOURS:

- **Monday:** 12 PM – 4 PM
- **Tuesday–Thursday:** 8 AM – 6 PM
- **Friday & Saturday:** 8 AM – 4 PM

(Closed Sundays and national holidays)



Give a senior pet the chance to live out their golden years in a loving home — visit the Shelter today!



Questions?

Contact the Shelter at (856) 881-2828 ext. 1, email gcas@co.goucester.nj.us, or scan the QR code.

YOUNG ANGLERS REEL IN EXCITEMENT AT ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST



Earlier this fall, families gathered at Scotland Run Park in Clayton for the 38th Annual Kid's Fishing Contest, a Gloucester County tradition that drew 150 young anglers to compete in boating and non-boating categories. Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco, Commissioner Joann Gattinelli, and Commissioner Tom Bianco joined the fun, cheering on participants and celebrating the spirit of community.

Winners were named across age groups and categories, with top prizes going to young anglers from Clayton, Vineland, Williamstown, Sewell, and beyond. Congratulations to all of this year's participants and thank you for making the contest another great success. We look forward to casting off again next year for the 39th Annual Kid's Fishing Contest!

STAY PROTECTED: GLOUCESTER COUNTY'S 2025 FREE FLU CLINICS

The Gloucester County Department of Health, under the oversight of Director Frank J. DiMarco and Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, is hosting flu clinics throughout November. All residents are welcome to get their flu shots at convenient locations across the county.

NOVEMBER CLINICS:

Wed, Nov 5 | 11 AM–Noon – Elk Township Municipal Building

Mon, Nov 10 | 4:30–5:30 PM – National Park Fire Hall

Wed, Nov 12 | Noon–1 PM – Franklin Township Community Center

Thu, Nov 13 | 11 AM–Noon – South Harrison Municipal Building

Mon, Nov 17 | Noon–1 PM – Newfield Public Library

Mon, Nov 17 | 4–5:30 PM – Daycare/Preschool/Family Clinic, Health Dept., Sewell

For more information, contact 856-218-4106, email ckephart@co.glocester.nj.us, or scan the QR code to register.



CHAIR YOGA FOR SENIORS

Take some time to relax and gently move your body before the busy holiday season begins. The Gloucester County Department of Health, under the oversight of Commissioner Director Frank J. DiMarco and Deputy Director Jim Jefferson, invites seniors to join these free Chair Yoga sessions designed to support flexibility, balance, and overall well-being.

When: Tuesdays, November 18 & 25, 2:30–3:30 PM

**Where: Cross Keys United Methodist Church, Faith Hall,
Williamstown, NJ 08094**

Cost: Free — pre-registration required

To Register: Contact (856) 218-4112, email cchilelli@co.glocester.nj.us, or scan the QR code.



STAYING STRONG IN SOBRIETY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season can bring joy, but it can also be a challenging time for those in recovery and their loved ones. Stress, family gatherings, and social events may trigger old habits - but with planning and support, sobriety can remain the priority.

- **Plan ahead:** Bring your own non-alcoholic drinks and have an exit strategy if situations feel overwhelming.
- **Lean on support:** Stay connected to recovery meetings, sponsors, or trusted friends.
- **Set boundaries:** It's okay to say no to events that may threaten your progress.
- **Prioritize self-care:** Rest, healthy meals, and quiet time can help manage stress.
- **Family role:** Loved ones can support recovery by offering encouragement, avoiding alcohol-centered activities, and creating safe spaces for connection.

Remember - sobriety is a gift worth protecting. If you or someone you know needs support, reach out to the Gloucester County Addiction Services Division at 856-384-6929 or scan the QR code.



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