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Cetronia Ambulance Corp.

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Jason Carita- Paramedic, Assistant Director of Operations

Shawn McGovern- Director of Human Resources

Shelly- Education Coordinator, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and has a degree in phlebotomy

Mike- Director of Education, Paramedic for 22 years, and an EMT since 1995

Vicki- Works on the Mobile Stroke Truck where she gives Tissue Plasminogen Activator (PA) medication and medication to stop bleeding. Worked as a nurse for 25 years at Cedar Crest.

Jason- Works on the Mobile Stroke Truck as an EMT and as the record keeper

Eric- Works on the Mobile Stroke Truck as the Computerized Tomography (CAT) Scan Operator

Dave- Works on the Mobile Stroke Truck as a Paramedic

2. When we first arrived at the Corp. we were guided into the main room where we were talked to at length about the three levels of emergency medicine. These levels were explained to us by Shawn McGovern who spoke first about EMR who (he explained) are a step below EMTs and mostly did transport. Then he moved on to EMTs discussing the levels of EMT like EMT Basic etc. Finally, he talked about paramedics, who he explained if they were originally EMTs could receive a scholarship through the Corp. to go to paramedic school. There is also a pay increase with each level although you have to be 18 to get paid. We were then shown the garage which is a space in which multiple agencies house their vehicles. We were specifically shown ALS, BLS, and Stroke unit trucks. We got to see the comm center and its employees at work. Finally, we came back to the original room and were shown two things. The first was a demonstration using a smart mannequin that we performed CPR on defibrillated, and intubated its airways. Finally, we were shown how to pack a wound and use a tourniquet.

3. One thing I connected from the tour to my learning was some of the technology used by the communication center in the corp. It was interesting to see how technology interfaced with emergency and pre-hospital medicine.

4. I now have more information about the commitment being an EMT wd be and how it could interface with both picking up shifts here and there as an EMT and working full time somewhere else.