

Newtown Ambulance Gets Week of Dream Dinners In Honor Of National EMS Week

Homemade dinners delivered to cook up comfort and support for volunteer staff.



May 20, 2013 Snohomish based Dream Dinners honors first responders to the Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting in Newtown, Connecticut during National Emergency Services Week with dinners ready to go each night between emergency calls.

The staff of the Newport Ambulance station is made of volunteers who serve the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Newtown event director thought it would be a great honor to bring Dream Dinners to the volunteers this week as part of the EMS week events. And Dream Dinners is excited to make the delivery of a week's worth of dinners from their nearby Manchester, CT store.

"This week is an opportunity for us to get involved and help nurture these first responders the best way we know how as the community continues the healing process." Says Dream Dinners co-founder Stephanie Allen.

In the aftermath of the December 14th tragedy, leaders at the national meal assembly chain based in Snohomish, Washington reached out from their west coast offices to offer fresh dinners to those in need. Then, the community of Newtown was overwhelmed with a global response from various companies wanting to help.

However, the national EMS week is a week that brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of EMS personnel around the country who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services on the front lines. This week, as Oklahoma faces horrific loss from the tornadoes, Dream Dinners feels it is timely to recognize EMS volunteers and give back. "We can never forget the scene these volunteer medical personnel were faced with when they arrived at Sandy Hook," says co-founder Tina Kuna. "Nationwide, EMS personnel exhibit courage and strength in the midst of horrific human tragedy." CEO Darin Leonard says, "We only hope gathering around the table for a homemade dinner at the Newtown Ambulance station helps support the sense of team in this volunteer family. We can never take them or volunteers like them, for granted in our country. When the worst happens, they may be the first face of hope."

ABOUT DREAM DINNERS Founded in 2002, Dream Dinners, Inc. is America's number one meal assembly chain and originator of the \$100 million [meal assembly](#) industry. Headquartered in Snohomish, Wash., Dream Dinners locations provide guests monthly menus to select from, then prepare all fresh ingredients in advance, so guests can assemble a month's worth of meals in about an hour. They then take them home to freeze and have ready to cook on busy nights. With nearly 100 franchises in 30 states, Dream Dinners saves guests both valuable time and money, and focuses on bringing families back to the dinner table with home made dinners. www.dreamdinners.com.

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