



## McHenry Western Lake County EMS System System Memo #24-4

**To: MWLC EMSS AGENCIES**  
**From: MWLC EMSS**  
**Date: 05/20/24**  
**RE: National EMS Week 2024**

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**Purpose:** Celebrate EMS Week 2024.

**Goal:** Extend our heartfelt gratitude to each member of your team for the incredible dedication, courage, and professionalism that is displayed every day.

### NATIONAL EMS WEEK

As we celebrate EMS Week, the tireless efforts to provide critical care in our most vulnerable moments are truly commendable and deeply appreciated. Often unnoticed and unacknowledged, EMS personnel are frontline providers who respond to emergencies with unwavering commitment. Your contributions to the community are invaluable.

During this special week dedicated to recognizing EMS, each person of the MWLC EMSS team would like to thank personally for your service. The ability to remain calm under pressure, quick thinking, and compassionate care make a profound difference in the lives of those you help. Your impact is felt not only by the individuals you assist but also by their families and the entire community.

Challenge coins have a rich tradition of symbolizing unity, pride, and recognition in EMS. This year the EMS office will be handing out MWLC EMSS challenge coins for each of our primary members of MWLC EMSS. This coin represents the Emblem, Motto & Values of MWLC EMSS, and serves to recognize your dedication to EMS.

Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and your bravery is inspirational. On behalf of the MWLC EMSS and the community, thank you for your relentless dedication to our motto: Saving Lives, Serving Communities.



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