

Town of Williamston



Department of Fire - Rescue - EMS

Office of the Fire Chief

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Departmental Operations

Martin General Hospital Closing

Williamston Fire-Rescue-EMS
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For Immediate Release
August 14, 2023

On Thursday, August 3, 2023, my agency was notified at 10:00AM by Martin General Hospital they were no longer accepting any patients from Emergency Medical Services and would cease operations as a hospital effective immediately. While not all patients were transported to Martin General prior to its closing, Martin General was our primary hospital of continued patient care.

Currently, our department is treating and transporting patients to the closest appropriate medical facility. Our protocols have been updated, and are continuously reviewed under the direction of our Emergency Medical Services Medical Director. The Town of Williamston Department of Fire-Rescue-EMS remains committed in providing the upmost professional care to those that we serve. The Town of Williamston remains in constant contact with county officials in regards to the evolving climate related to the provision of Emergency Medical Services to our community. We continue working closely with other Emergency Medical Service providers in a collaborative effort to meet the needs of patient care. As an agency, we are communicating with our membership regularly. The community can take pride in the dedication and commitment that is being displayed daily from our membership.

The Town of Williamston Department of Fire-Rescue-EMS provides Emergency Medical Services under the statutorily assigned authority of county government. Operational questions related to the provision of services should be directed to the Office of the County Manager, Martin County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Peaks".

Michael Peaks
Fire Chief