

Berry Academy HOSA and Carolinas HealthCare System Annual MASH Day

A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Saturday March 7, 2009, over 45 community healthcare professionals answered the call to volunteer at MASH day at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology. Students from all schools in CMS had the opportunity to explore many healthcare careers including laboratory services, therapy services, histology, child life, nursing, emergency services, crime scene investigators, and the local emergency response team from MTAC. More than 100 students and adults attended the event.

The day was planned in collaboration with Carolinas HealthCare System, Metrolina Trauma Advisory Committee (MTAC), and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. There were interactive lab stations where students learned to type blood and culture bacteria, saw fresh liver and brain specimens, process a crime scene and observe as the MTAC group unloaded 10 trauma victims from the MEDIC Evac Bus!

CMPD also staged a crime scene allowing the CMPD Crime Scene Investigators to show students how a crime scene is secured and evidence is tagged and bagged. Students were able to see the tools and procedures used by the CSIs. The MTAC volunteers along with MEDIC demonstrated how victims from a community disaster would be transported in the MEDIC Evac Bus, triaged and treated in the mobile hospital tents. Students learned how victims were assessed and tag with their status. There were more than a dozen interactive tables staffed with healthcare professionals who informed students about their careers and had lots of real life specimens and tests for students to see, prompting questions and interaction with healthcare professionals. The goal of this annual event is to expose the public to careers in healthcare, emergency services, and forensics.

