

MEEKS RECEIVES NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

Reylon Meeks, Fire Chief for the City of Pleasant Hill, has been offered a national appointment with the American Heart Association. Beginning July 1, she will be serving on the education committee. Chosen from more than 55 applicants throughout the United States, Reylon emerged as a top candidate, given her background in both the hospital and pre-hospital setting.

“The added bonus for the American Heart Association is Reylon’s graduate degree in education,” states Dave Rogers, chair of the education committee for the AHA. “Her combination of experience, including an expertise in pediatrics, makes her well suited for the position.”

The education committee will begin planning for rollouts of Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) for the year 2010. This committee determines how the United States, as well as other countries, educates the public and healthcare provider to do CPR. They determine how the programs will be presented to the public, as well as the professional healthcare provider, including physicians and nurses.

This is a two-year appointment with the potential for a third year commitment. “I am honored to be chosen for this committee. It will be exciting to be in on the ground floor of determining educational rollouts nationally and internationally. This is a unique opportunity to network with individuals from all over the country, determine how systems work elsewhere, and potentially bring the best practices back to Iowa,” states Meeks.

Reylon recently received the award of Regional Faculty of the Year for the State of Iowa in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). Presented during the state conference for the leaders in Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC), Reylon was nominated by the Central Iowa Task Force and was chosen from among all regional faculty in the state for PALS.