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**LEE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES ATTAIN  
PARAMEDIC CREDENTIALS, PROMOTES ANOTHER TO LIEUTENANT**

*Ft. Myers, Fla. - Lee County Emergency Medical Services added three credentialed paramedics to its division through their successful completion of the agency's field training program and promoted a field training officer to lieutenant.*

*Recently credentialed employees are:*

Robin Schram, Paramedic, Fort Myers  
Gary Russell, Paramedic, Cape Coral  
Michele Gilyard, Paramedic, Lehigh Acres

*Lieutenant Bruce Collins, Paramedic, Arcadia, was promoted from the Field Training Officer rank through a series of written and oral exams, and then appointed by the Operations Manager.*

*Each paramedic and EMT that Lee County hires or promotes is required to participate in a four week orientation and complete a field training program. Upon completion of the field training program, recruits are required to pass a test before an internal credentialing board which includes the EMS medical director.*