



The Monitor

The monthly electronic newsletter for the Southern Illinois Regional EMS System.

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COMMAND: Dr. Haake wants to thank everyone for the professional care you provide to the citizens of our communities. And, we all want to wish the Dads out there a Happy Father's Day!

FINANCE: The Fiscal Year 2018 EMS Assistance Grant application and the SPARC Special Projects funding application periods are both closed. For agencies that applied, keep an eye on the newsletter for future awarding announcements.

LOGISTICS: For all EMS System participants: When seeking initial certification or renewal, the CPR card required for all EMS license holders is the American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR card, also called the BLS Provider card. The "Heartsaver" cards are not intended for licensed EMS professionals.

The EMS Office strongly encourages all regional agencies to participate in 2017 Eclipse planning. The Eclipse itself and the planned events that surround it have the potential to bring hundreds of thousands of people to Southern Illinois from August 18-21, 2017. If any individual or agency wants more information on anything with Eclipse 2017, please contact the EMS Office.

The EMS Office now has instructors for the national "Stop the Bleed" program. Stop the Bleed is a national program sponsored through the American College of Surgeons and its purpose is to train non-medically trained people on how to deal with life threatening bleeding. The EMS Office is partnering with SIH Community Benefits to train police officers in seven counties to use Stop the Bleed kits. If any EMS personnel would be interested in becoming Stop the Bleed Instructors and help us eventually move this training into the communities, contact the EMS Office. If you would like more information on the program, visit www.bleedingcontrol.org. It would be nice to someday have Stop the Bleed kits mounted beside public access AEDs.

The EMS Office is also working with two different grant administrating agencies on training law enforcement and First Responders on the use of Naloxone. If there are any Paramedics that would be interested in assisting with training local law enforcement on Narcan, contact the EMS Office.

For the BLS and FR departments that carry epinephrine auto-injectors, CVS Pharmacies sell a generic version of the Epi-Pen Auto Injector for much less than the name brand or other generics. CVS Pharmacy's product is available in pediatric and adult injectors with the same dosing as the name brand, but only costs \$109.99 for a two pack. The EMS Office has CVS auto-injector training pens available for system use. Contact the EMS Office for more information.

All levels of EMS: The Shawnee Preparedness and Response Coalition is offering Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) and Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS) this month at John A. Logan College. The courses are FREE and continuing education is provided. BDLS is Tuesday June 20th and ADLS is June 21st - 22nd. BDLS is a requirement to attend the ADLS sessions. Visit www.sirems.com to get additional information and register.

OPERATIONS: When an ALS or ILS ambulance responds to a call that turns out to be BLS in nature, the Paramedic/Intermediate must complete an advanced level assessment and determine the call is truly BLS. There is no problem with our system's EMTs providing care to patients, but we do not want advanced level care denied or overlooked when it is available and needed. Paramedics/Intermediates remember, YOU are responsible for providing that advanced level assessment and making the proper care determination for that patient.

Remember, a multiple casualty incident is a call where there are more patients than rescuers and/or resources. There are many times we encounter this situation and don't consider using our triage tags or even establish incident command. It doesn't take a Greyhound bus versus Amtrak train to initiate incident command or field triage.

PLANNING: Don't forget about our EMS Calendar at www.sirems.com

- June 8: IDPH EMS Advisory Council, Springfield / IDPH Marion
- June 13: SIREMS Triage Tag Day
- June 14: Flag Day
- June 18: Father's Day
- June 19: SPARC Executive Committee Meeting, Marion
- June 20: Basic Disaster Life Support, JALC
- June 21-22: Advanced Disaster Life Support, JALC

TIP OF THE MONTH: Before you pay for online continuing education, make sure it will be accepted by the state of Illinois and your EMS System. For IDPH and SIREMS, it needs to have one of two things to be counted.

1. An Illinois site code.
2. Accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Pre-hospital Continuing Education (CAPSE).

CAPSE was previously known as the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS). So, if an older certificate has a CECBEMS accreditation and code, you are still okay.

If you have any questions or information for "The Monitor", please contact me at Brad.Robinson@sih.net or SouthernIllinoisRegionalEMS@gmail.com (06-07-17).