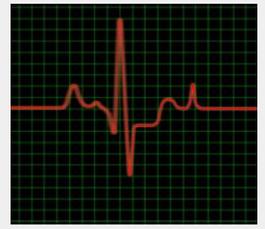




June, 2017



The Pulse of MCAEMS

Something Old, Something New

There is a lot of information relating both to the system and to EMS in general that comes out every month. It's really easy in the hustle and bustle of taking care of patients, overtime shifts, and other professional obligations to miss pieces of information when they come out.

Those of you who have been in the system for a while might remember a monthly system newsletter that came out each month. For various reasons that process stopped several years ago. The old newsletter was really focused on educational components.

While "The PULSE of MCAEMS" will certainly have some education, it will also focus on the operational issues facing the system, and you, our members. **If you have suggestions on something that you would like to see included, please contact our office.**

New Arrivals

Congrats to the Mt. Hope Funks Grove Fire Protection District for taking delivery and placing into service a new ambulance.



Recent Memos

- [Naloxone Interim Clinical Guidance Memo](#)
- [Online Forms Memo](#)

New Pediatric Protocols

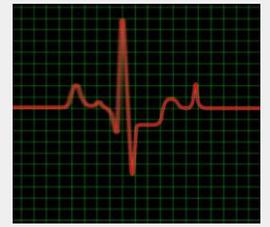
Most agencies have already received training on the new pediatric protocols that will take effect on July 1st. Agencies that have not yet received that training will receive it in the month of June as part of the medication skills lab presentation. The pediatric protocols can be found on our website and can be located by [clicking this link](#)

There really are no sweeping changes for the advanced level providers as these protocols largely just codified what was common practice. For BLS providers there were some changes including the ability to administer IN Naloxone and IN Glucagon when appropriate.

Even after attending the training, please take some time to become familiar with the new protocols. Only 7% of our system volume is pediatrics. This means that we really have to be prepared when we encounter some of our most vulnerable patients.

EMS Week

Another EMS Week is in the books. We would like to thank everyone who joined us at our open house in honor of EMS week. We value the contributions and the differences you make in your communities each and every day.



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Speaking of New Arrivals

The former individual with the Illinois Department of Public Health (Keith Buhs), who handled or delegated inspections of new ambulances and yearly inspections for our region has left IDPH for other employment. At this point his replacement has not been named.

For us, this means that we have lost some flexibility in terms of scheduling inspections. For agencies planning on taking delivery of a new ambulance please provide the EMS System at least a 2 weeks' notice before you are ready to place your new unit into service. This will allow us to get your inspection scheduled in time.

Please remember that new units cannot be placed into service until they have been inspected by the system and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Preceptor Update

The EMS System held our paramedic advisory program meeting in May. One of the items that we identified was the need for a preceptor update course with all of the changes to the program since our accreditation journey began. This will likely be a self-paced learning activity, and will not require an in-person meeting. We are hoping to have it completed by the end of July

Preceptors who currently have Paramedic students, please ensure that you are approving shifts in Platinum Planner as timely as possible. The System and the Students thank you in advance.



Continuing Education Topics for Third Quarter

1. **Trauma Emergencies Skills Lab (Mandatory)**
2. **Street Drugs**
3. **ETOH When Drunk is Sick**

Next EMT Class

The next section of EMT Basic will begin at Heartland Community College in August. Frank Friend will be the primary and coordinating instructor

Waste Disposal

Providers are reminded that the only type of waste that should be disposed of in red bio bags, are items that have blood or other bodily fluids on them. **Other trash generated on an EMS call such as wrappers, IV bags, paper, and gloves (not covered in blood) can and should be disposed of with ordinary trash.** The disposal of regulated bio waste is very expensive and is charged by the pound. Please be aware of your disposal practices.

Paramedic Program Update

The paramedic cohort that began in 2016 completed their didactic program on May 10th, 2017. These students are in the process of completing their remaining clinical and field internship time.

The inaugural Paramedic course at our HCC satellite location has completed their first semester. Those students will be utilizing the summer break to work on clinical time and limited field experience time. **Questions or concerns with students can be directed to [Joel Gollnitz](#) or [Jon Dassow](#). Our next paramedic program will begin in August of 2018**