



# The Monitor

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

December 2018

**COMMAND:** Thanksgiving is in the rearview mirror and we are speeding towards the Christmas holiday. Dr. Haake and all of us at the EMS Office wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Nathan Bressner is leaving the EMS Office to pursue opportunities with his business. We sincerely thank Nathan for his contributions to the Southern Illinois Regional EMS System, IDPH Region 5, and the Shawnee Preparedness and Response Coalition. Nathan has made EMS better in Southern Illinois and we are grateful. We wish you the best with your business...thank you!

**FINANCE:** No new information on the finance front.

**LOGISTICS:** All IDPH EMS licensees are required to disclose any felony convictions at the time of application per existing Illinois law. In addition, all IDPH license holders are required to disclose all new felony convictions within 7 days. IDPH is working towards performing mandatory background checks on all currently licensed EMS personnel. IDPH has implemented a grace period through December 31, 2018 for voluntary disclosure of felony convictions. ***If an applicant or licensee does not voluntarily come forward and fully disclose any previously undisclosed conviction(s) in writing by December 31, 2018, the licensee will face formal license revocation.*** If you have any questions on how this may affect you or how to formally report, please contact the EMS Office.

Nathan Bressner will be leaving the EMS Office to run his family's business full time (shameless plug...CrossFit Henosis). Nathan's last day is December 14, 2018. Please direct all future EMS questions or issues to Brad Robinson. Carterville FD and West Frankfort FD should make initial contact with Brad Gaul.

We have received a few questions about problems receiving face sheets from patient registration. There is a meeting scheduled for later this week to address the concerns. More information to follow.

EMR Agencies: Don't forget the requirement to submit copies of your EMR run reports every month to the EMS Office. We have many ways the reports can be sent digitally or in person, including the drop box outside the EMS Office. Contact the EMS Office with any questions.

**OPERATIONS:** All Transport Services: This was mentioned last month but we are continuing to have issues. So, please remember to make a call-in to the Emergency Department anytime you are transporting to a hospital, no matter the floor or department destination of the patient. There should be a call-in to announce the arrival and confirm the destination of all patients.

Remember that interfacility transfer patients are actually PATIENTS! Their conditions may deteriorate and they should be stabilized and monitored like any other patient. Just because it's a "ride" from point A to point B, doesn't mean we take off our clinician hat and assume a taxi driver hat. If there is any change in condition, especially a deterioration in status, contact Medical Control.

Please consider the complexity of determining decisional capacity when a patient is wanting to refuse treatment or transport. Simply because someone can tell you their name, location, and day of the week does not mean they have sound medical judgement. Whenever there are any doubts, please contact Medical Control.

**PLANNING:** Don't forget about our EMS Calendar at [www.sirems.com](http://www.sirems.com)

- Dec 6: IDPH Trauma Advisory Council, videoconference at IDPH Marion
- Dec 13: SIREMS Triage Tag Day
- Dec 25: Christmas Day
- Jan 01: New Year's Day

*TIP OF THE MONTH:* According to the CDC, 48 million people get sick from foodborne illnesses each year. Please be mindful of cooking temperatures, cleanliness of food prep areas and utensils, and proper food storage practices during this time of year. You know, the season of potlucks and left overs! Stay safe out there folks!!

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