



The Monitor

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

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COMMAND: Dr. Haake and the EMS Office staff want to wish everyone a safe and happy Father's Day this month.

FINANCE: No news on the finance front this month.

LOGISTICS: The EMS Office now has an electronic business card/smartphone app available for download and sharing. It is meant to be a one stop shop for the protocols, the website, quick links to sign up for email and text alerts, and contact information for Brad Robinson and Jay Sims. You can scan the QR code below for download.



The latest Illinois Department of Public Health ruling has reversed their recent previous ruling that EMR non-transport agencies must have a FCC license for the statewide 155.340 channel. Now, EMR non-transport agencies are NOT required to obtain an FCC license for the 155.340 channel dedicated to communications between EMS and hospitals. If any department has a question about this change, please contact Brad Robinson at the EMS Office.

The EMS Office at the Southern Illinois Airport now has locked doors at all times. If you arrive for a meeting or unannounced visit, there is a call box mounted near the front entrance. Pushing that call button rings all of the phones inside the EMS Office...if someone is in, they will answer and unlock the door. As always, if you have documents to leave here and nobody is in the office, there is a dropbox on the south side of the office.

For the licensed EMS Lead Instructors, IDPH changed the rules on instructor renewals late last year. Previously, instructors only needed 40 hours of uncategorized continuing education for renewal. Now, you still need 40 hours but half of those hours must be related to the development, delivery, and evaluation of education programs. This new requirement has been implemented on a graduated scale, with the full 20 hours of education related hours required in January 2021. The IDPH memo with the graduated scale is available on www.sirems.com and feel free to contact the EMS Office with questions or guidance.

One of our SIREMS instructors found a website with educational education webinars (www.edweek.org) and has found it very useful.

Cambria Fire Department is hosting an Emergency Medical Responder class from June 6th through September 26th at the Cambria Community Center. Classes will be held on Thursday nights from 5pm-9pm. For more information or registration, contact Sonya Young at 618-294-3235 or prdmomo4@aol.com.

OPERATIONS: SIREMS has formally added the iGel Supraglottic Airway as another blind insertion airway option for our system providers. The training video, protocol, and associated quiz are posted on the system website. All EMR, EMT, Intermediate, and Paramedic personnel must complete the short training video and quiz. Simply follow the iGel Training 2019 link in the Education tab on www.sirems.com.

Drowning is defined as the process of experiencing respiratory impairment as the result of submersion or immersion in a liquid. There are three possible outcomes from a drowning incident; death, medical issues, or no medical issues. Prior to 2005, many terms were used to describe the pathophysiology of drowning incidents, like:

Near Drowning- when a patient survived a drowning incident

Wet Drowning- when water/fluid entered the bronchial tree

Dry Drowning- when the patient suffered a laryngeal spasm

Today, the above terminology is no longer accepted and we should not use them to describe the details or pathophysiology of a drowning incident. The American College of Emergency Physicians has published two documents specifically addressing the inaccurate terminology on drowning incidents and the confusion it has caused the parents and family members of patients that survived drowning incidents. Remember: ANY person that experiences any type of drowning incident should be evaluated at the Emergency Department.

IDPH is putting a great deal of pressure on the EMS System and ambulance services about NEMSIS version 3 data submission...even threatening action against ambulance service licenses. Please make sure you enter all data as required in your patient care reports and complete them in a timely manner.

For those EMS providers that may not follow social media or the news, Heartland Regional Medical Center no longer provides labor and delivery services. That leaves Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon and Memorial Hospital of Carbondale as the only remaining regional hospitals that provide labor and delivery services. This change does not affect how we treat pregnant patients, but may change your transport options. Contact the EMS Office with any questions.

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

June 13: SIREMS Triage Tag Day

June 14: Flag Day

June 16: Father's Day

June 25-27: IDPH Summit, Bloomington, IL

TIP OF THE MONTH: If your address changes, be sure to change your address with IDPH. You are required by IDPH regulation to make that notification within 30 days of the move. More importantly, if your address is incorrect, you will not receive correspondence from IDPH...including the reminder to renew your license. You can change your address online by visiting the web address below, or contacting the EMS Office.

<https://emslic.dph.illinois.gov/GLSuiteWeb/clients/ildohems/private/Shared/OnlineServices.aspx>

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