



# *The Monitor*

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

March 2019

**COMMAND:** Dr. Haake announced the latest SIREMS preceptors last month. Congratulations to Brad Ahlgren, James Lawson, Roy Oellermann, Nicholas Petz, Jesse Sell, and Jason Sheraden. For those that have questions about applying for system preceptor, contact the EMS Office.

We also want to officially welcome Jay Sims to the EMS Office. He has accepted the EMS System Specialist position previously held by Nathan Bressner. Jay has been involved with the EMS Office for ten years but most of those years he was an employee of the Emergency Department or Office of Disaster Preparedness. Jay's phone number is 618-319-2605 and his email is [Jay.Sims@sih.net](mailto:Jay.Sims@sih.net).

Dr. Haake is hosting a SIREMS Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1900. The meeting is being held at the EMS Office but it is also offered remotely through GoToMeeting online or through a call in number. If you would like to attend in person, please RSVP to [Jay.Sims@sih.net](mailto:Jay.Sims@sih.net) before March 20<sup>th</sup>. Here's the remote participation information.

## **SIREMS Town Hall**

Wed, Mar 20, 2019 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM CDT

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

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**FINANCE:** No news on the finance front this month. However, if you or your department has a new or successful financing/fundraising idea you are willing to share, let us know and we would be happy to share it here.

**LOGISTICS:** If you have an expired CPR card or other required credential, please send it to the EMS Office as soon as possible. Please send over by email, fax, the EMS Office drop box, or text a picture of the current credential to 618-713-5688 or 618-319-2605.

SIREMS is currently working on a new system policy requiring our EMS System participating agencies become a member of the Shawnee Preparedness and Response Coalition. SPARC membership is a free opportunity for networking, information sharing, assistance with planning and preparedness, and grant opportunities. For more information on SPARC, visit [www.shawneepreparednessandresponsecoalition.com](http://www.shawneepreparednessandresponsecoalition.com)

All SIREMS Agencies: The EMS Office will be distributing IDPH mandated Letters of Participation in the coming days. IDPH is mandating the completion of these forms and signatures of the agency managers/administrators to update all state EMS System plans. The documents will be distributed by email soon. If your agency has any questions, please let us know.

EMS Instructors: We will be hosting a GoToMeeting soon to break down the new IDPH EMS education rules and how they will effect current programs and future training applications.

How many of our EMS Agencies have their agencies participating in PulsePoint? PulsePoint is a smartphone app that shows a GPS location of a cardiac arrest event and AED locations. This can be used by people trained in CPR and AED to assist a cardiac arrest victim prior to EMS arrival. The EMS Office is just starting to look into this application and we are curious if any SIREMS agencies use the app.

Non-Transport Agencies: Please complete the annual self-inspection forms and return them to the EMS Office as soon as possible. The self-inspection form is available on the system website, under the IDPH Forms link.

**OPERATIONS:** ILS and ALS: SIREMS has added the II-45 Self Adhering Wrap (Coban) protocol. Coban can now be used by Intermediate and Paramedic services to secure IV sites in the event tape is not adequately adhering and securing the site. Coban can be placed too tightly causing circulatory issues, so use caution when applying self adhering wrap. The SIREMS protocol ONLY allows Coban use for securing an IV site that cannot be properly secured with tape. Contact the EMS Office with questions.

The EMS System's website is in the process of being rebuilt. During this time, we cannot update the alphabetical protocol index. The protocols that are listed in the original system plan indexing format (the letter/number style) are current. The alphabetical index has not been updated since late last year. When seeking protocols on our website, do not use the alphabetical index.

If you haven't enrolled yet, don't forget to sign up for free text message alerts from SIREMS. We offer both email and text alerts for our participants, but you must enroll to receive them. The text messages are less frequent than our emails and mainly used to disseminate important information quickly. Enroll to our texts using the link in the top left tab on [www.sirems.com](http://www.sirems.com)

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

Mar 13: SIREMS Triage Tag Day

Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20: SIREMS Town Hall Meeting, EMS Office and GoToMeeting, 7pm

Mar 21: IDPH EMS Advisory Council Meeting, videoconference IDPH Marion

*TIP OF THE MONTH:* Keep your personal safety in mind at all times, even in the scenarios that seem unthreatening and benign. Avoid placing yourself in rooms, areas, or scenarios with someone between you and the only way out. Remember the stuff we learned way back in grade school fire prevention classes...knowing two ways out.

If you have any questions or information for "The Monitor", please contact me at [Brad.Robinson@sih.net](mailto:Brad.Robinson@sih.net) or [SouthernIllinoisRegionalEMS@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernIllinoisRegionalEMS@gmail.com) (03-10-19).