



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 wanted to commend Pope County and Hardin County ambulance services for recently hosting mock crashes for their local high school students. The focus of both presentations was distracted driving. WSIL TV3 covered one of the mock events on their newscast. Pope County's Ron Lemon and Hardin County's Emily Kumorek were instrumental in planning, organizing, and implementing the mock crash scenes. Good Job to all involved!

EMS Week is May 19-25, 2019. Dr. Haake thanks all of our EMS providers at all license levels for your dedicated service. Representatives from the EMS Office will be making visits during EMS week and more information will be shared closer to the dates.

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: 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.



Non-Transport Agencies: Please complete the annual self-inspection forms and return them to the EMS Office ASAP. The self-inspections and updated rosters are past due and the EMS Office will be contacting those departments that remain delinquent. The self-inspection form is available on the system website, under the IDPH Forms link. Contact the EMS Office with any questions.

Keep in mind the alphabetical index is not functioning properly and does not have all of the SIREMS protocols available. If you have any issues finding a particular policy or protocol, please contact the EMS Office.

There is an iGel supraglottic (BIAD) airway protocol in the works. If your agency is interested in replacing Combitubes or King Airways, the iGel is an approved alternative. The new procedural protocol will be released and distributed soon.

IDPH has been cracking down on their requirement that ambulance services and non-transport agencies have a FCC license for the state trauma (155.340) frequency. If you are using the channel without a FCC license, you must apply for licensing. Be sure to only apply for mobile licensing, you won't need this channel in a base station and it's also cheaper that way. Please contact the EMS Office with any questions.

OPERATIONS: BLS, ILS, and ALS: SIREMS has added the CC-4 Return of Spontaneous Circulation protocol. For ILS and ALS services, one big take away should be the acquisition of a 12 lead ECG and recognition of STEMI. If a STEMI is recognized, consult with Medical Control on transporting to a PCI capable (cath lab) facility. Contact the EMS Office with questions.

When early activating a STEMI or Code Stroke, do so with confidence! When you speak with a lack of confidence, it makes the ECRN and physician question your account of the patient condition and assessment findings. Call with confidence!

There have been issues with the email connected to the CarePoint system at Herrin and MHC Emergency Departments which has caused problems with 12 lead ECG transmissions. The migration from our old email service to the new one has caused some inconsistencies, and the work continues. Remember, EMS activates Code STEMI calls whether or not you can transmit the 12 lead ECG.

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

May 12: Mother's Day

May 13: SIREMS Triage Tag Day

May 27: Memorial Day

TIP OF THE MONTH: Be mindful of how loudly you are speaking when giving a handoff report in the emergency department. Try to be discrete and avoid any unnecessary sharing of PHI (protected health information) when relaying information to the receiving nurse or physician.

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