



# *The Monitor*

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

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**COMMAND:** Dr. Haake wanted to thank everyone that worked and continues to work through the regional flooding issues. Stay safe and be aware of continuing changes in road conditions, including closures and detour routes. Dr. Haake and the EMS Office staff want to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day and Happy Memorial Day.

**FINANCE:** The Fiscal Year 2018 EMS Assistance Grant application period is now closed. The applications will be released to regional committees for review and deadline for regional reviews is in June 2017.

The EMS Office emailed information and applications for SPARC Special Projects Funding. Members of the Shawnee Preparedness and Response Coalition (SPARC) can apply for funding to finance special projects that will have a regional medical planning or response benefit. More information and applications can be found on [www.sirems.com](http://www.sirems.com)

**LOGISTICS:** For non-transport agencies: The non-transport inspections were due at the end of April, and we still have agencies that have not submitted their self-inspections. The EMS Office will be reaching out to those agencies in the coming days.

The EMS Office strongly encourages all regional agencies to participate in 2017 Eclipse planning. The Eclipse itself and the planned events that surround it have the potential to bring hundreds of thousands of people to Southern Illinois from August 18-21, 2017. SPARC is hosting an Eclipse medical planning meeting on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Remember to use current forms when completing any IDPH forms. The current forms are on [www.dph.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov) or [www.sirems.com](http://www.sirems.com).

**OPERATIONS:** Reminder: To function at any level from FRD through Paramedic, you must have an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider/BLS Provider CPR card. Other agencies cards or other labels/levels are not acceptable. If you have questions about a class or designation being accepted, contact the EMS Office.

With May 8th being the eight year anniversary of the Southern Illinois derecho, remember that minor or major disasters can occur with little or no warning. Understand that utilizing an incident command structure and triage tags on scene will bring more order to the chaos and save more lives. The Regional MCI protocol is linked to the front

page of the system's website. We encourage you to review it again, and send any questions to the EMS Office. Also, the EMS Office is available to assist any of our services with disaster planning and drills.

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

- May 9: Child Maltreatment by Cardinal Glennon, St. Louis
- May 13: SIREMS Triage Tag Day
- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 15: Eclipse Regional Medical Planning Meeting, GoTo Meeting
- May 29: Memorial Day
- June 8: IDPH EMS Advisory Council, Springfield / IDPH Marion

*TIP OF THE MONTH:* There is an old Jewish saying that says "Whoever Saves a Life, Saves the World." In the midst of labor issues, long hours, low pay, disagreements with coworkers, the occasional rude patient, and all the other distractions of EMS...remember the impact you have on every patient. Every time you save a life or just provide needed care, you change the life of your patient, their family, and friends. Don't underestimate your value and impact on our communities. You are saving the world!!

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