

**EMS COUNCIL MEETING**

**Virtual Meeting ZOOM**  
8/25/20

**Present:** A-TEC: Jeff Voigt; Roger Scott; CARY: Beth Taylor; CRYSTAL LAKE: Heidi Olsen; LIFENET: Lydia Oppen, Jennifer Kucan; FOX LAKE: Zina Opper; FOX RIVER GROVE: Sean Hurt; MARENGO: Pat Fanning, Joe Taylor; MCHENRY: Steve Spraker; NUNDA: Raquel Schomer; SPRING GROVE: John Rice  
WONDER LAKE: Scott Mullis; WOODSTOCK: Jeff Lesniak; HUNTLEY: Brian Harders  
FOXCOMM: Lyndsay Stroberg; ALGONQUIN/LITH FPD: John Greene  
NM: Nancy Lewis, Christine Becker, Alexis Schoolcraft, Rebecca Hartman, Sarah Strzlka  
NM-EMS: Dr. Pacini, Cindy Amore, Cindy Tabert, Greg Fuchs, Scott Anderson, Brandy Weirich, Diane Klier

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Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Jeff Lesniak.			
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from June 2nd meeting approved by all.			
Additions to Agenda	None stated.			
SG Representative	Cindy welcomed John Rice as EMS Representative with Spring Grove FPD.			
Staff Reports- Cindy Amore	Cindy Amore discussed the items listed on her EMS Council Report (see attached report).			
NR exam	Cindy emphasized that the National Registry testing is going well, however, there is no communication between NR and IDPH. Once NR exam is passed, the office creates a transaction card for the students with verification of successful NR exam to gain Illinois licensure.			
Ambulance License renewals	Cindy Amore stated that IDPH memo of 7/29/20 (see attachment) shows the cancellation of all on-site ambulance inspection appointments until further notice. She added that IDPH cannot accept online payment at this time for ambulance licenses. They will, however, accept department checks for ambulance license renewals.			
	Amy Crane, new EMS System Coordinator for Advocate Sherman Hospital starting Mon., Aug. 31, 2020. Amy was the Trauma Coordinator for Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.			
Full arrest patients	Heidi Olsen asked whether we are still doing modified times for full arrest patients due to Covid. Cindy Amore and Dr. Pacini responded yes.			

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<p><b>Dr. Pacini</b></p> <p><b>Cindy Tabert</b></p> <p><b>Scott Anderson</b></p> <p><b>ITLS Course</b></p> <p><b>Greg Fuchs</b></p> <p><b>Brandy Weirich</b></p> <p><b>Sarah Strzlka</b></p>	<p>Census at Woodstock and Huntley Hospital is at 95% pre-Covid patients. McHenry is at 85% pre-Covid patients.</p> <p>Cindy reminded everyone to use the checkoff sheet for ambulance inspections. Non Transport vehicle inspections are due to IDPH the end of September; ALS/BLS copies to Cindy. IDPH only wants the IDPH part of the inspection form.</p> <p>Optionals have been posted through the end of 2020. If completing for CE credit, email to Cindy Tabert at <a href="mailto:Cynthia.tabert@nm.org">Cynthia.tabert@nm.org</a>. If unable to email, please fax to the office at 815/759-8045.</p> <p>There will be an ITLS Course in November hosted by Lifenet. The course will be online followed by one on one practical session. Email Scott at <a href="mailto:scott.anderson@nm.org">scott.anderson@nm.org</a> if interested.</p> <p>Appreciate the great attendance at today's Zoom meeting. Greg reminded everyone to keep track of their quarterly intubation skills training since March, 2020.</p> <p>Virtual Zoom meetings for CE has gone fairly well and been well attended. Rosters need to be forwarded to Greg as soon as possible after the Zoom presentation to assure CE credit is documented.</p> <p>The new CE calendar begins with August/Sept. CE on Civil Unrest Education. The system policy on CE attendance is in place, with Options 1 &amp; 2 (including summer summary 2021) for all providers.</p> <p>New Paramedic Class is underway with 23 students attending. 2019-2020 Paramedic class students completing the requirements for National Registry testing and doing very well. All students have been given numerous suggestions and study guides for the NR exam. One student who didn't pass admitted he did little studying prior to the test. Jeff Lesniak asked if the study resources can be forwarded to the departments. Brandy stated she would do that for anyone interested. Please contact Brandy at <a href="mailto:brandy.weirich@nm.org">brandy.weirich@nm.org</a>.</p> <p>Sarah Strzlka stated the biggest volumes so far this year has been in July with 42 stroke patients. (see attachment) Sarah reminded everyone that the tracking mechanism for stroke patients is now BEFAST instead of Cincinnati.</p>			

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Alexis Schoolcraft, Huntley ED	Alexis asked departments to be consistent when calling in their reports to avoid confusion. Cindy Amore added there is a template to follow in the SOP's. Joe Taylor, Marengo stated he would pass this on, however, many times his EMS providers are interrupted by the Charge Nurse with questions, before they finish the report. Alexis stated she will let them know his concerns also.			
Nancy Lewis, Trauma	Nancy Lewis requested departments let Huntley ED know early when trauma patients are coming in especially when there may be more than one. Cindy Amore stated this may be confusing when it is multiple departments transporting trauma patients. She added it is always smart to give a heads up to the ED as early as possible.			
Rebecca Hartman	Rebecca reported that on the Cardiac Alert Dashboard the numbers are looking good. The ED Physicians are now reviewing the EKG before the cardiac alert is called. Cath Lab has stated they appreciate this process. There has been improvement in the numbers for McHenry and Huntley. Woodstock showed a definite improvement in June. Sarah added that Code Blue is now being announced as Cardiac Arrest and Cardiac Alert is being announced as Stemi Alert. Cindy Amore will send out communication of this change to all EMS agencies.	Email changes of Code Blue and Cardiac Alert	Cindy Amore	<b>OPEN</b>
Lifenet-Jen Kucan	Jen asked that departments let Lifenet employees know if a patient needs "lift or no lift on standby". Cindy Amore stated she would send Jen and Lydia a list of contacts for the system. Cindy asked departments to notify hospital if using the helicopter pad to provide a patient with transport.			
PPE Cache-eyewear	With the possibility of a 2 <sup>nd</sup> wave, Cindy Amore suggested that wrap around eyewear should be used in any highly suspicious case. She asked departments to check into their cache to see what is available. This eyewear will not be available for exchange at the hospitals.			
Controlled Substance/ Exchange Update	Cindy Amore discussed the Observations and Management Action Plans (see attachment) between the Pharmacy and EMS in relation to inconsistent documentation of controlled substances administered by external EMS providers. One challenge is our Image Trend documentation is available after the exchange of meds is made. Heidi Olsen, CL stated the pharmacy is questioning what is in the syringe. Cindy stated she will work with the Pharmacy to re-educate them that EMS agencies do not have the capability to	Work with Pharmacy to review proper tracking of Contr.Substances	Cindy Amore	<b>OPEN</b>

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<p>Occupational Health exposures-ED visits</p> <p>Quarterly Mtg.</p> <p>Adjournment</p> <p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>label the syringe in the field. She added that the long term goal is to have the Image Trend report automatically upload to the Epic medical record. However, there is no timeline as of now.</p> <p>Cindy stated in the event of an exposure where Occupational Medicine cannot see a provider, you need to get registered in the ED to create a record of the exposure. Reinforce this to all department members. Also, no walk-ins are allowed to be screened at ED's for Covid; same goes for the tent outside. A doctors' order is required. Make an appointment at Immediate Care; you will still need a doctor's order to get tested.</p> <p>Cindy Amore asked whether there was a need to change EMS Council meetings to every other month. Jeff Lesniak stated he believes the quarterly meetings have been effective. He and Cindy agreed that if there was a situation that needed a special meeting called, then it could be done at that time.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.</p> <p>Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, 9AM – Virtual via ZOOM</p>			