

**McHenry Western Lake County EMS System**  
**EMS Coordinators Report**  
**February 23, 2021**  
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**IDPH Update:**

- IDPH EMS Ambulance Inspections will resume April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Next IDPH EMS Advisory Council Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 11am via webex. Details to come.**

**Region IX Update:**

- SOP discussion regarding AHA 2020 Guidance updates and changes to Cardiac related SOP's
- **Next meeting : Tuesday, March 9, 9am; via ZOOM**

Region IX Healthcare Coalition- Continued efforts focus on the COVID 19 response in assuring Regional partners were able to access equipment and PPE supplies as distributed via the SNS/FEMA and IEM/IDPH.

- Planning for the HPP goals and grant spending for FY 21.
- **Next Meeting: Region IX RHCC Meeting- 2021 Meeting dates TBD**

**System Update:**

- EMS CE Calendar - The 2021 CE calendar is currently being finalized for submission to IDPH. Classes will continue via ZOOM lecture as we move into the new year. We anticipate continuing the option for blended learning with Zoom as we move into fall and winter.
- COVID SOP reminders:
  1. All patients must be masked upon bedside contact with EMS; Treat all patients as potential COVID infected to insure the safety of all EMS providers and ED staff.
  2. Isolation rooms in the ED- remove PPE before leaving the room; new PPE will be provided if needed to insure your safety in cleaning and redressing your cot
  3. COVID Cardiac arrest SOP – remains in effect. Contact with OLMC can be made if not response to interventions after 10 minutes of Asystole- with decision by OLMC if resuscitation can be withdrawn
  4. Aerosol generating procedures should be AVOIDED at ALL COST- this means Nebulizers, CPAP , Suctioning and Tracheal Intubation- Consider use of igel, and MDI inhaler if available to the patient .
- Narcotic Discrepancy Audit- The initial data collected via the Imagetrend fields on controlled substance administration and waste are good. We will continue to monitor the documentation compliance of these fields as a component of our QI program. If a table is used in entering your PCR, please obtain the signature of the pharmacy staff who is involved in the waste and exchange of any controlled substance.
- EMS Educator Position: We are engaged in the selection process for a fulltime EMS educator to replace the vacancy that occurred with Greg Fuchs transition to the Lake Forest EMS system. We have a strong pool of candidates and hope to have someone in place within the upcoming weeks.
- Stroke Coordinator: Sarah Strzalka has moved out of state. In this interim Rebecca Hartman will report out Stroke information to this group, until a new Stroke Coordinator is in place.
- EMS Supply access changes: The Huntley, McHenry and Woodstock ED's will be transitioning away from the pyxis machine for EMS supply replacement in the coming

months. A cart system with supply bins will be put in place. More details will be provided as we learn more about the timeline for transition.

**NEXT EMS COUNCIL MEETING:** 2021 Schedule EMS Council- Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>- format to be determined based on our pandemic restrictions.

**MCC Report:** *Thank you to everyone who has supported EMS students in the EMS clinical during this very challenging time! Our Current EMT students (20 EMT students) will be eligible for their EMS ride time shortly. I will reach out to you to coordinate an experience where appropriate.*

**Fall 2020- EMS 110 NREMT to date:** 9 students have registered with NREMT; 8 have tested; 7 of 8 have passed on initial attempt = 87.5% PASSED NREMT- 1 eligible for a retest;  
**2020 Paramedic NREMT Testing:** 18 students have tested; 14 students have completed NREMT testing for licensure= 78% pass rate: 4 students are pending retest.

**Spring 2021 MCC Classes:** All classes continue in a blended format with virtual learning whenever feasible.

**Paramedic Program Graduates 2020:** 1 student pending re-test; 17/18 acquired licensure =94.4%

*ALL MCC Courses are planned as blended with flexibility based on the COVID pandemic situation.*

**EMS Advisory Committee:** The committee met in a virtual setting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2021. Invite and minutes to follow.

**CoAEMSP Reports-** the Response to findings related to the summative final evaluation of affective and psychomotor domain student evaluation for entry level practice has been accepted by Co AEMSP. The program has no outstanding requirements for follow up at this time.