

Lead Instructor Meeting

Several System Lead Instructors met in June to review changes to the IDPH licensing process, updates on the NREMT testing process and program outcomes. Any LI or Agency Leader who missed that meeting and wants to review that information should contact [Sara Brown](#).

Mobile Crisis Response

Due to national legislation, mental health organizations are developing Mobile Crisis Response teams whose goal is to see patients in their home, screen for services and keep many of these patients from needing to go to an emergency department. As we work through potential protocols for EMD, MCR and EMS a few guidance items will be utilized until more formalized protocols are available.

1. If EMS and MCR respond to the same call, and the patient wants to work with MCR (no transport), EMS will perform a high risk refusal.
2. If EMS responds to a call without MCR, the call will be handled the same as before MCRs started being developed.
3. If EMD receives a call that asks for MCR, they will send MCR. If EMS is needed, MCR will request them.

When the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch has protocols ready for EMD to screen calls to determine resources needs, we will re-evaluate. We expect those in the fall. In the interim, MCRs will continue to respond when requested by the public.

Designer Drugs

Government sources are forwarding information about a couple of designer drugs that are appearing in cluster overdoses. *Bromazolam* is a Benzodiazepine that was never approved for use in the United States. Often referred to as Bromo, it can be found in combination with other Benzos or Fentanyl. It is commonly purchased in online counterfeit drug stores. Side effects include drowsiness, sedation, loss of coordination, memory impairment and dizziness. *Xylazine*, a non-opioid veterinary medication, is used as a tranquilizer, analgesic and muscle relaxer, and is not approved for human use. Because of the ease of access for Xylazine, its low cost and enhancement of fentanyl/heroin highs, there has been an increase in cutting other illicit drugs with Xylazine. This decreases the effectiveness of Naloxone when a patient overdoses.

Paramedic Course Updates

For the past few months a steering committee from Lincoln Land Community College, St. John's EMS, SIU School of Medicine and Memorial EMS have been meeting to expand access and success of the students in the Paramedic Program. Visits to all the ALS agencies are being scheduled in June/ July. An informational flyer is attached.

MEMS Education

The MEMS monthly CEU topic for July is Burn Management. Dates and times are Friday, July 8, 9 – 11 a.m. (in-person and remote) and Tuesday, July 26, 7 – 9 p.m. (remote only).

Sign-up on [Healthstream](#).

EMT Course	8/22/22	Mondays and Wednesdays	LLCC
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