

EMS Update

March 2023

John Brennan, Memorial EMS Coordinator 1994-2013

John Brennan (JB) served as the Memorial EMS Coordinator for twenty years until his retirement in 2013. He was a true EMS expert, even volunteering to teach the Acid/Base Balance lecture to paramedic classes. It was during his tenure that the role of Disaster Preparedness was developed under IDPH following the attacks of September 11. His military leadership was instrumental in leading both hospitals and EMS agencies to better prepare for the challenges faced in this post Sept. 11, 2001 world. Central Illinois emergency services have greatly benefited from the work and leadership of JB. Funeral service information is available [here](#).

Spring Protocol Changes

Spring protocol updates go into effect on Monday, March 13, 2023. Updates are complete and will be found on our website at <https://memorial.health/protocols/> by end of day on Friday, March 3. A Healthstream assignment has been added to all the MEMS providers accounts which needs to be completed by Monday, March 13.

DEADLINE: IDPH Non-Transport Vehicle Inspections

All Region 3 Non-Transport vehicle inspections are due in March. IDPH is very clear that the failure to complete these inspections will result in the agency losing its EMS license. Should this occur, that agency will be required to complete a new application and then a license to be issued by IDPH before responding to any EMS calls for service. All non-transport agency inspections are needed ASAP. The form can be found at <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/emergency-preparedness-response/ems/provider-vehicle-licensing.html>

Road Construction

The city of Springfield will be excavating some drainage pipes on Dodge Street near the SMH ED ambulance entrance. This will create a lane closure on Dodge Street for ambulance traffic. Currently they are looking at starting on Thursday, March 2, 2023 with parts of Dodge Street being blocked until next week. Please remain alert to changes in traffic flow around this area.

Memorial Health IV Pump Changes

Memorial Health continues with our transition to new Baxter IV Pumps. Scan the QR code for a video highlight tutorial and illustrations. All Memorial Health hospitals will be transitioning but on different timelines, so providers must make sure they are familiar with the pumps they are transporting.

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Education

The MEMS monthly CEU topic for March is Geriatric Trauma. The dates and times are Friday, March 10, 9 – 10 a.m. and Tuesday, March 28, 7 – 8 p.m. Sign-up is on Healthstream [here](#).

LLCC is open for CEU's. More info can be found at <https://www.llcc.edu/explore/medical-district/health-care-continuing-education>

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