

# EMS Update

March 2024

## Memorial EMS Continuing Education

Memorial EMS hosts virtual continuing education twice a month. A daytime session is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 9 a.m. and the evening session is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. It is preferred that you register via HealthStream as this will then track your CE for System provided CE. If you do not yet have a HealthStream account, you can contact your System Coordinator for a link. If a group attends at the same time, we will collect that information in the chat to apply CE credits appropriately. This education is typically led by one of the EMS MDs or EM residents and is applicable to all levels of EMS providers. Within a couple of months, the video of the education is then available for on demand education via HealthStream. A reminder notice is available at the end of the newsletter.

## Region 3 Non-Transport Vehicle Inspections

Is your agency one of the 23 agencies who still need to complete this? A self-inspection for every licensed vehicle and copy of roster is due no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Protocol Updates

Memorial EMS began the tradition several years ago that protocol updates go into effect at 7 a.m. the Monday after time change. With the work to include the Decatur EMS System, we must push the Spring 2024 change date back for all providers.

**Springfield Memorial EMS will go live on April 1, 2024.** Medication updates will be provided via pharmacy the week of March 26. A HealthStream update will be assigned to all providers by March 18.

**Decatur Memorial EMS go live may be staggered based on agency readiness starting April 1, 2024.** Medication updates will be provided at protocol competency events. Providers should watch for protocol date(s) at their agency but are welcome to attend any open event that best fits their schedule.

## IDPH License Expirations

Providers whose license expired in March, April and May of 2020 were given extensions in the early weeks of the pandemic. This permanently changed their expiration dates to June. This means in late June the system offices and IDPH will be processing three times as many renewals. Please plan accordingly so there is not gap in your license! Renewals can be sent in any time starting 60 days before renewal.

## POLST (DNR) FORM Changes

The State of Illinois has made a few changes to the POLST form. Older forms are still honored however changes are explained in the attached MEMO.

## Licensure Courses

AEMT	Rural Med	03/05/24	<a href="mailto:kimberly.bouser@ruralmedems.com">kimberly.bouser@ruralmedems.com</a>
EMR	Warrensburg FPD	04/01/24	<a href="mailto:jack.pugh@warnerhospital.org">jack.pugh@warnerhospital.org</a>
EMT	Rural Med	04/15/24	<a href="mailto:kimberly.bouser@ruralmedems.com">kimberly.bouser@ruralmedems.com</a>



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## 2024 Online Training Schedule

Recurring Meeting Dates and Times: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 9 a.m., and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7 p.m. of each month

Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Sign-up: [HealthStream](#) or use the QR code here

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March 8, 9 a.m. and March 26, 7 p.m.

Topic: Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest

Presenter: Dr. James Hart

April 12, 9 a.m. and April 23, 7 p.m.

Topic: Medication Overdoses

May 10, 9 a.m. and May 28, 7 p.m.

Topic: Pediatric Trauma

June 14, 9 a.m. and June 25, 7 p.m.

Topic: Collapse Rescue Medicine

July 12 9 a.m. and July 23 7 p.m.

Topic: ENT Emergencies

August 9, 9 a.m. and August 27, 7 p.m.

Topic: Head Injuries

September 13th 9am, Sept 24th 7pm

Topic: Hunting Emergencies

October 11, 9 a.m. and October 22, 7 p.m.

Topic: Gynecologic Emergencies

November 8, 9 a.m. and November 26, 7 p.m.

Topic: Cardiac Arrhythmias

December 13, 9 a.m.

Topic: Tactical EMS/Rescue Task Force

Date: March 2024

