

Decatur Area EMS Changes

Decatur Memorial Hospital is now the EMS resource hospital for Decatur area agencies in Region 6. Thank you for your patience and help with easing this transition. We are working hard on protocol revisions, formatting and further development. Contact: slade.michael@mhsil.com with any questions/concerns or to receive this newsletter monthly.

Twiage for 12-Lead EKG's (STEMI)

All providers should be utilizing Twiage when submitting 12-Lead EKG's to any Memorial Health hospital. Don't let your lack of 12-lead submission hinder STEMI activation. Early Pre-hospital STEMI activation and Cath Lab mobilization saves lives!

Defibrillation Pads

Placing defib pads on all unstable patients is a priority after assuring ABC's; before moving or loading the patient. They should also be placed on all STEMI's regardless of stability. This can create a challenge to obtaining 12-lead EKG'S, but if a provider uses slightly altered pad placement it will not be a problem.

Agency Training Requests

There is a 60-day notification IDPH requirement for training requests. We only have about 50% of them. Those agencies wishing to do training in 2024 must submit them ASAP. The IDPH EMS System Training Request Form and the Continuing Education Request Form can be found [here](#) under "Forms".

Upgrade to NEMSIS 3.5

IDPH has a hard deadline of Dec. 17, 2023 for all transport agencies to have submitted data in the NEMSIS 3.5 format. Transport agencies who have not made that change will be required to correct and re-submit all PCR's after that date. We strongly encourage these agencies to reach out to their PCR vendor on this requirement.

Lead Instructor Education Opportunity

The National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) is proud to partner with the National Registry of EMTs for a collaborative webinar on **Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, 1-2 p.m. ET**. Attendees will gain insight into the innovation and development of National Registry certification examinations. This is a FREE CAPCE approved (CEU), Sign-up [here](#).

December Education - Make up day for those who were not able to attend the original 2023 mandatory trainings.

Bleeding Control and Rescue Task Force	Dec. 27	MLC room 3D	8 a.m., 10 a.m.
Pit Crew CPR	Dec. 27	MLC room 3D.	1 p.m., 3 p.m.

Monthly CEU: Practitioner Wellness: Dec. 8 9 a.m. Sign up on [Healthstream](#). 12/26 is cancelled due to holiday. Contact: crum.andrew@mhsil.com with any education related questions.

Licensure Courses

EMR	Ashland Fire Protection Dist.	01/24	ashlandvolfiredept@gmail.com
EMR	Meredosia Bluffs Rescue Squad	12/19/23	mcarman1166@gmail.com
EMT	LLCC	01/15/24	www.LLCC.edu
AEMT	LLCC	01/15/24	www.LLCC.edu
AEMT	Rural Med	03/05/24	kimberly.bouser@ruralmedems.com