



The Acute Health Systems (AHS) within the Office of EMS is growing! Kent Wilson, A.A.S., B.S., NRP, whom many of you may know from OEMS Education, transferred to AHS on October 1, 2019, taking on the role of Cardiac System Coordinator. Mr. Wilson will be very busy working with EMS providers and hospitals to implement a statewide system.

Every year in the United States more than 300,000 people suffer an out of hospital cardiac arrest (OCHA) and approximately 90% of these events are fatal. To help combat this the Alabama Department of Public Health OEMS has partnered with Emory University to establish the statewide use of the

Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) system. CARES is a secure, webbased data management system used to create a uniform and reliable data base for the collection of OCHA events. The use of CARES will allow each service to access their statistics and compare their performance to deidentified statistics at the local, state, and national levels. The use of a reliable database to capture these events will allow EMS providers to improve the quality of care provided to the communities. The OEMS will use the statewide data to improve the quality of care throughout the state. We are looking forward to implementing the CARES system and the improvements that it will provide to Alabama.

Culture of Excellence

Cordova Fire and Rescue
Corner Fire Department
Crossville Fire District
Cullman Fire and Rescue
Fayette EMS
Fultondale Fire District
Homewood Fire Department
McCalla Fire District
Rainbow City Fire Department
Tarrant Fire and Rescue

EMSC Update

Dr. Shea Duerring was recently announced as the Assistant State EMS Medical Director for Pediatrics. He is also the new Principal Investigator and Medical Director for the EMSC program. Dr. Duerring earned his bachelor's degree from Hampden-Sydney College and his medical degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School. He completed his internship and residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters and fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at UAB. Dr. Duerring is a board certified pediatric emergency medicine physician at Children's of Alabama and is also a Nationally Registered paramedic. He will be working hand in hand with the OEMS and Dr. William Crawford, State EMS Medical Director, to promote pediatric emergency care in Alabama. Dr. Duerring was also instrumental in writing the most recent pediatric protocol updates and will be working with the OEMS to provide pediatric education.

EMSC Equipment Grant Applications

Please be on the lookout for the 2nd round of EMSC equipment grant applications. They will be released before the end of the year. We look forward to providing more pediatric restraints to our transport services.

Compliance Issues

Name	Rule/Protocol	Complaint	Action Taken
Logan Bevels EMSP-EMT 1800653	420-2-1-.29	Falsification of Documentation	Suspension
Logan Blackburn EMSP-EMT 1400044	420-2-1-.20	Responsibility for the Patient	Suspension
Billy Chancey EMSP-Paramedic 9701224	420-2-1-.28	Use of tobacco products	Suspension
James McMicken EMSP-EMT 1600554	420-2-1-.29	Falsification of Documentation	Suspension
Emily McWaters EMSP-Paramedic 1000886	420-2-1-.29	Standards of Conduct	Revocation
Garen Mullen EMSP-EMT 1900204	420-2-1-.29	Falsification of Documentation	Suspension
Brian Turner EMSP-EMT 0400730	420-2-1-.29	Standards of Conduct	Suspension
EMSP-EMT	420-2-1-.30	Impairment	Suspension
EMSP-Intermediate	420-2-1-.30	Impairment	Suspension
EMSP-Advanced	420-2-1-.30	Impairment	Suspension
EMSP-Paramedic	420-2-1-.30	Impairment	Suspension
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EMSP-Paramedic	420-2-1-.30	Impairment	Surrender
EMSP-Paramedic	420-2-1-.30	Impairment	Surrender
EMSP-Paramedic	420-2-1-.30	Impairment	Revocation

Provider Service Inspections

These inspections were completed April-June, 2019.

A-Med Ambulance-Etowah County	International Paper
Adamsville Fire Department	Irondale Fire Department
Advantage Ambulance-Etowah County	Jemison Fire & Rescue
Air Evac-Cullman County	Kimberly Fire Department
ASAP-Washington County	Lamar Ambulance
Ashford Rescue	Leeds Fire and Rescue
Attalla Fire Department	Lifeguard Ambulance
Baker Hill Fire Rescue	Louisville Fire and Rescue
Birmingham Fire	Luverne Rescue Squad
Birmingham Fire Department	Madison Fire Department
Brantley Fire & Rescue	McAdory Fire District
Brookside Fire Rescue	Minor Heights Fire District
Care Ambulance-Dallas County	Mount Olive Fire Department
Care Ambulance-Lowndes County	Mountain Brook Fire Department
Care Ambulance-Montgomery County	New Site Volunteer Fire Department
Cedar Grove Fire Department	North Lamar Fire and Rescue
Clio Rescue Squad	Northstar-Jefferson County
Concord Fire District	Opportunity EMS
Cullman EMS	Palmerdale Fire District
Dothan Ambulance Service	Pleasant Grove Fire & Rescue Service
Dothan Fire Department	RAMS
East Alabama EMS	Rehobeth Volunteer Rescue
East Alabama Fire District	Rocky Ridge Fire Department
Eufaula Rescue Squad	RPS-Cullman County
Forestdale Fire District	RPS-Marion County
Gadsden Fire Department	RPS-Walker County
Gantt Area Volunteer Rescue Squad	RPS-Winston County
Gardendale Fire Department	Shoals Ambulance-Jefferson County
Graysville Fire Department	Southside Fire Department
Green Pond Fire Department	Sumiton Fire Department
Haynes Ambulance-Autauga	Sylvan Springs Fire Department
Haynes Ambulance-Macon	US Steel
HEMSI	Vinemont Fire Department
Highland Home Vol Fire & Rescue	Warrior Fire Department
Hueytown Fire Rescue	West Jefferson Fire & Rescue
Huntsville Fire Department	West Point Fire District
	Wicksburg Fire Rescue

Alabama e-PCR Submission Requirements

Some e-PCR Points of Clarification:

1. It is a requirement to complete a patient care report on every response. This office is already monitoring submission rates and comparative data suggests that many agencies are not reporting all runs as required. Please submit all required runs to avoid noncompliance.
2. Each record must be submitted electronically within 72 hours or less. The goal is to eventually narrow that down to within 24 hours. The 24 hour reporting allows Public Health to monitor surveillance trends as required by the Federal emergency preparedness guidelines.
3. Our IT staff is always available to assist you with your e-PCR needs. If you need assistance, you may call Chris or Lori at 334-206-5383. You may get a voice recording depending on the call volume. They will eventually get back to you. If you do not hear from them within a reasonable time, you may wish to email them (emsis@adph.state.al.us).
4. Collecting and importing data is paramount only to reporting reliable data. Reliable data is accurate and contains no errors. When one looks for shortcuts and/or skips data entry in areas that has been discovered to have no validation rules, it dilutes the integrity of the data, not to mention falsifies a legal document. Please make sure you enter data accurately.
5. Alabama became a NEMSIS version 3.4 compliant state beginning January 1, 2018.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Do You Have Questions for OEMS Staff?

This is another reminder to those of you calling our office (334) 206-5383:

Complaints, Investigations, and Inspections:
Call Jamie Gray

Licensure: Call Stephanie Smith, Kembley Thomas, or Vickie Turner

Individual Training or Testing: Call Chris Hutto

EMS for Children, Website, and Social Media: Call Katherine Dixon Hert

EMS Data/NEMSIS:
Call Gary Varner

Requests for Information from Regional Offices

The Office of EMS would like to request that you comply with any request for information from your regional office. Some Directors are still having issues receiving information and data as requested by the State office. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation and compliance.

Reporting Requirements

A licensed EMSP shall perform his or her job duties and responsibilities in a manner that reflects the highest ethical and professional standards of conduct. Actions that are in violation of the standard of conduct will be considered misconduct and are subject to immediate disciplinary action, up to and including license revocation.

Please be reminded that, according to Rule 420-2-1-.28 (6h), All licensed provider services shall provide notification and written documentation within three working days to the OEMS regarding any protocol or rule violation, which includes but not limited to, items listed in 420-2-1-.29 (2).

Also, be reminded that, according to Rule 420-2-1-.30 (6), All licensed provider services shall provide notification and written documentation about any individual who meets the definition of an impaired EMSP.