



CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE & COMPLIANCE UPDATE

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State EMS Medical Director's News

Alabama Trauma System Annual Education Update

In an effort to clarify Alabama Trauma System Standards of Care, and to reduce the number of QA issues related to noncompliance of Alabama Trauma System protocols and procedures, the Office of EMS and Trauma regional staff will be offering monthly regional trauma training sessions. Meeting dates are available on the ADPH website under the Regional Training pages.

Topics that will be covered in these sessions include "The Qualities of a Good Trauma System;" a review of motor vehicle crash trauma; system-entry criteria for trauma patients; trauma system patient routing; and a review of the QA/QI issues for the previous calendar year.

The Alabama Trauma System is designed to save lives by correctly identifying patients who need trauma care, anticipating the resources needed to treat patients appropriately, and routing trauma patients to the appropriate trauma center for the first time. In order to meet these goals you must be familiar with the procedures and protocols of the trauma system. Please plan to attend these important educational opportunities as they become available in your region.

Elwin Crawford, MD, FACEP

Licensure Update

- There is no longer an inactive status for Alabama licensed EMS personnel.
- If you are an Intermediate and have attended a medication course, you can renew your Alabama state license.
- Services are only able to use the new medication formulary after ALL Intermediates have attended the medication course.
- National Registry Amnesty will be available for 2012 renewals from June 1-December 31, 2012.
- Online renewal is now available (**www.adph.org/ems**). Click on the Licensure link in the menu bar on the left side of the page and then click on EMS Individual Licensure Application.
- If you are selected for audit, you have 72 hours to comply with the request and submit requested documentation.

PLEASE NOTE:

Do you have questions for the OEMS&T Staff?

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

Complaints, Investigations - Call Mark Jackson

Service Inspections or Service Licenses - Call Hugh Hollon or Kem Thomas

Individual Training, Testing or Individual Licenses - Call Gary Mackey or Stephanie Smith

EMS for Children, Grants, Contracts, Equipment Orders – Call Katherine Hert

Newsletter Reminder

- The newsletter is free to anyone as long as they have internet access to our web page www.adph.org/ems. The newsletters can be found under the Notices and Events link found in the menu bar or to all Alabama licensed EMS personnel who have a **valid** email address. Our licensure database is used to store your last submitted valid email address, but cannot accommodate unlicensed people. They will have to visit our web site to view or download the newsletter.
- If you are not getting our newsletter via email it is either because the email address was sent to us in an illegible or incorrect format or you changed it and did not update it through our office. You can email any changes via emsinquiry@adph.state.al.us or call office staff at 334-206-5383.
- Also, you may have a spam blocker set up on your email. Our office has no way to manually or automatically address this issue. Multitudes of emails are "kicked back" to our office email system with message asking us to complete a number of tasks to be allowed to send you an email. As long as you have this set up on your pc, you will not be able to receive our newsletter.

Brunswick Woodmere Lanes Wants to Thank Montgomery and River Region EMS Providers

Brunswick Woodmere Lanes is very excited to have the opportunity to thank our Emergency Medical Service providers in Montgomery and the River Region area. Emergency Medical Technicians and all first responders save lives every day and Brunswick Woodmere Lanes would like to say a big, "Thank You!" Your discounted rate of 10% off bowling (*excluding: food, beverages, Pro Shop and Arcade) will begin this holiday season and continue throughout the entire year. We will also have future events specifically for our EMT, Fire Department, Police Department Sheriff Department and Military. You will be required to provide appropriate identification in order to receive the discounted rate. Check the Office of EMS and Trauma website often for future events and discounts available at Brunswick Woodmere Lanes.

Provider Service News

The Office of EMS & Trauma recently completed renewals for services in the East, Southeast, and Gulf regions. A total of 132 services renewed. The next renewal cycle will be for services in the North, BREMSS, and West regions. These services have a June 30, 2012 expiration date. There are 163 services eligible for renewal in June. OEMS&T will begin accepting renewal applications for services in the North, BREMSS, and West regions April 15, 2012.

Several agencies utilized the web-based provider application during this last renewal cycle. This application is submitted on-line and requires a convenience fee of \$4.00. License fee and convenience fee must be paid by credit card.

Currently, OEMS&T staff is working diligently to ensure all medical control physicians have successfully completed the required web-based Medical Control course. This course and current credentials in ACLS or PALS are required for off-line physicians. On-line medical directors must also possess a current ATLS certification. If the physician is board certified in emergency medicine or pediatric emergency medicine, the above alphabet courses are not required.

OEMS&T staff will notify agencies who submit applications with ineligible physicians listed as their off-line physician. It will be the responsibility of the provider service to procure the services of an eligible medical control physician as required by Alabama EMS Rules.

REMINDER

The Office of EMS & Trauma would like to request that you comply with the requests 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.

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- Greene County EMS
- Hale County EMS
- Industrial Solutions Group
- Montgomery Fire Department