

June 24th

Leadership Notes

Have you finished your June protocol quiz yet?

<http://ozarksems.com/education-quizzes.php>

All charts **MUST** be completed, locked, and synced within 24 hrs

iPads are in for the front line ambulances in Polk County. Log in is the computer number without the letter "C" before it.

Here is the link to take the NIMS classes: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>. If they completed it, but can't find the certificate, here is the form to request a transcript: <https://training.fema.gov/emiweb/downloads/tranrqst1.pdf?d=07-31-2019>.

Last minute crew requests, for LDTs, will be sent out through ESO.

If you use narcotics on a patient, fill out the narcotic waste signature in your chart. The form will accept a zero.

Leather gloves have been added to Galls. Having a pair to get through a rescue or extrication would be a good idea.

Aaron and I have been asking other hospital leaders and executives how to improve our employee satisfaction. The resounding answer we are getting from all of them includes monthly rounding on all employees. Is rounding the right answer for EMS? We don't know the answer, but we owe it to our employees to give it a try. If it fails, we tried. But, if it succeeds, we've made our department better. –Theron

Shout Outs

Thank you Eric for helping crews clean their ambulances at the end of shifts!

Thank you Goldie, Colby, Allison, and Robert A., for being willing to come in on short notice for the Humansville incident!

Dawn thanks for passing information on. I appreciate it. –Neal

Emma and Eric thank you for washing the ambulance for the managers that came in for the LDT!

Thank you Ryan for switching to cover nights! –Aaron

Thank you Trent for switching shifts to let us get new medics throughout their double medic time! –Managers

Thank you Goldie for picking up so many extra shifts! –Managers

Congrats Zane on getting released to working solo medic! –Comorgan

Thank you Matt for covering nearly all of Ray's shifts while he was out sick! –Edward

Thank you Cheryl for picking up so many shifts! –Managers



Safety Tips

Stay hydrated, carry extra water, and make sure you have the air on in the patient compartment (unless it is a trauma). There are small coolers available in the dirty utility room in the Bolivar station for the Polk County ambulances.

Stay safe on the job! Communicate, Maintain situational awareness, Take care of your tools, Drive like a professional, Watch your back, Protect yourself from violence, Take care of your body.

<https://www.naemt.org/initiatives/ems-safety>

Don't forget your reflective vest when working on the side of the road. Especially with low lights levels. Remember to stay vigilant when stepping around/out of vehicles on the side of the roadway.

EMT's perform a wide variety of job tasks, which can put them in extreme situations. We've put together a list of 5 important safety tips to help keep EMT's safe on the job. Know your surroundings. Use vehicles safely. Use your safety equipment. Partner with the police. Protect your back.

<https://www.hazmatstudent.com/article/ems-safety/>

Educational Resources

Have you tried to learn anything new lately?

<https://www.ems1.com/>

<https://www.jems.com/>

<https://www.emsworld.com/>

<https://nemsis.org/>

Upcoming Classes through our Education Department

July 1st – Obstetrics

July 8th – Neonate Care

July 12th – Gynecologic Emergencies

July 15th – Genitourinary and Renal Emergencies

July 20th – Life Support Competencies

July 22nd – Abdominal and Gastrointestinal Emergencies

July 24th – PHTLS day 1

July 25th – PHTLS day 2

If you have any suggestions, for educational podcasts, let a Crew Leader or Supervisor know and we can get it added.

There is some good research indication Cincinnati only catches 14% of strokes whereas BEFAST would have caught 70% of them.

<https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/full/10.1161/STROKEAHA.116.015169>
