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New Faces in Emergency Systems

Reminder!!!!

Hope to see all of you at this years Oklahoma Public Safety EXPO

Upcoming Meetings

3rd Quarter 2013

RTAB

- 1 7/23/2013
- 2 8/13/2013
- 3 8/01/2013
- 4 8/22/2013
- 5 8/08/2013
- 6 8/20/2013
- 7 7/02/2013
- 8 7/09/2013

CQI

- 1 7/23/2013
- 2/4/7 9/12/2013
- 3 9/05/2013
- 5 8/08/2013
- 6/8 7/09/2013

MAC

7/17/2013

OTSIDAC

8/07/2013

OERSDAC

8/15/2013



Sean Oats
Trauma Systems
Coordinator

Sean is a Paramedic who comes to us with not only experience in the field but an exemplary military background. Sean oversees the RTAB Coordinators as well as assisting with CQI and other committees.



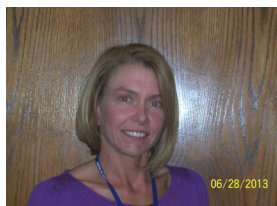
James Wilkins
EMS Administrator

James is a Paramedic who comes to us with many years of experience in the field, the office and with training programs. He is the RTAB Coordinator for Regions 2, 4, 6, and 8. If you have questions, feel free to contact James.



David Graham
EMS Administrator

David is a Paramedic with many years of experience working in the field, in training and in education. He is the RTAB Coordinator for Regions 1, 3, 5, and 7. If you have questions, feel free to contact David.



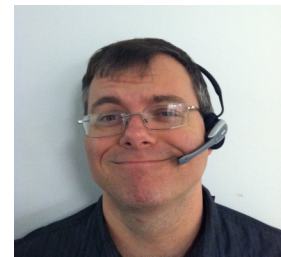
Heather Cox
EMS Administrator

Heather is a Paramedic who has come to us with many years of experience. She has worked in the field both on the ground and in the air.



Johnnie Gilpen
Statistical
Research
Specialist

Johnnie is an Epidemiologist and EMT—Intermediate. He has extensive experience in civilian and military tactical pre—hospital care. Johnnie is a Statistical Research Specialist working with the Oklahoma Trauma Registry and OKEMSIS databases and special projects. If you have questions, feel free to contact Johnnie



Casey Brockelman
Administrative
Assistant

Casey is assigned to EMS. He is currently working closely with all the General Licensure issues. If you need assistance with an EMS, EMR, Agency or Instructor license, Casey would be your point of contact. If you are in need of a new license, certification, or renewal, just contact Casey.



Dawn Plumb
Administrative
Assistant

Dawn is an enthusiastic member of the Emergency Systems. She provides Administrative support for a number of programs.

She informs us that she is a “long suffering Notre Dame fan” and asks you not to hold that against her.

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Creating a State of Health

EMS Statutes and Rules

This is a friendly reminder to all of EMS Statutes and Rules 310:641-3-60 Part 13 #10:

“Implements inserted into the patient’s nose or mouth shall be single-service wrapped and properly stored and handled. When multi-use items are utilized, the local health care facilities should be consulted for instructions in sanitation and handling of such items”.

In recent months during inspections performed by the Department we have noticed this Rule is not being followed by a number of services. This Rule is in place to help protect the patient from cross contamination.

This is easily implemented by keeping all single use items in the wrapping they are shipped in until you need to use them. If you are using multi-use items, individually clean and place them in Ziploc bags or something similar until needed

Hello all!

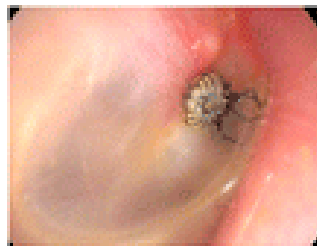
This is Sean Oats, and I am the Trauma Systems Coordinator. This is an exciting time in Emergency Systems! You may have noticed that there has not been newsletter in a few months; as a matter of fact, the last issue I can find is from June 2012. You should have seen on the previous page that we have quite a few new faces in Emergency Systems, including a few EMS Administrators and myself as the Trauma Systems Coordinator.

I hope we have had the chance to meet with you at an RTAB or other event. Maybe you have been at one of the OTEP (Oklahoma Trauma Education Program) classes that we have had. If you have not seen OTEP or you just want to know what kind of training we provide then please call our office. Our team is energetic and enjoys spending time out of the office on development and training opportunities. We recently presented OTEP in Shawnee and McAlester. At the McAlester training, we had 8 agencies represented. With over 31 individuals in attendance! We actually ran out of room on the sign in sheets! We had another 8 agencies and 36 individuals in attendance at the Shawnee OTEP! Both of these OTEPs provided a forum for discussion between agencies and established a common language for patient prioritization, hospital classification and TReC utilization. If your agency would be interested in attending an OTEP, do not hesitate to call and schedule one with us.

-Sean Oats

EMS Trivia

Hmmmmmm??



What is this????

This is a new segment in the newsletter. Name this photo and explain, please. Send in your educated guesses to:

davidg@health.ok.gov

and we will publish the correct one. We will follow up with a new photo each quarter. We would love to have photos from you that will get the mind thinking. We are looking forward to your submissions.

EMS Trivia

1. What is the anatomical term for the imaginary line that runs through the center of the arm-pit?
2. When using the rule of nines to calculate BSA for a burn patient, what percentage is given to one arm?

Answers will be published in next quarter's newsletter.

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Protocol Update

As you should be aware, the new EMS state protocols became effective April 1, 2013.

All previous versions are suspended and can no longer be used.

Agencies have four options available regarding the new 2013 protocols.

- (1) An agency may choose to adapt the protocols as a complete set.
- (2) An agency may adapt some protocols while choosing to delete others. No justification is necessary for dropping protocols.
- (3) An agency may choose to adopt some protocols and alter others. If so they will need to submit appropriate justification and supporting documentation for the altered protocols.
- (4) An agency may choose to continue to use their own previously approved protocols.

Agencies must submit signed documentation detailing which option the Agency Director and Medical Director chooses.

The documentation requirements are as follows:

A letter signed by the Agency Director and Medical Director stating they will be adopting the OSDH 2013 Protocols as a complete set.

OR

A letter signed by the Agency Director and Medical Director listing the deletions from the OSDH 2013 Protocols. The deletions do not require a justification or additional documentation.

OR

A letter signed by the Agency Director and Medical Director listing and detailing alterations to the protocols. Justification and supporting documentation must be submitted for alterations.

OR

A letter signed by the Agency Director and Medical Director will not be using the 2013 State Approved Protocols, that they will be using their protocols.

If the agency chooses to continue to use its current protocols, then they must submit a new electronic copy of their current protocols for our review.

All services will submit (1) a copy of their letter signed by the Agency Director and Medical Director, as well as (2) a copy of the Authorized Procedure List (APL).

The agency may add to the list if there are additional protocols submitted for review and approval. Only one APL is needed per agency. We are not asking to see what the Medical Director has authorized each staff member (as in Individual Protocol), only what has been authorized for the agency as a whole.

As of this article the State has received:

45 completed EMRA Signature Letters and APLs, 19 partially completed EMRA Signature Letters and APLs, leaving 103 EMRAs that have not turned in any Protocol updates.

30 completed EMS Signature Letters and APLs, 55 partially completed EMS Signature Letters and APLs leaving 121 EMS services that have not submitted any Protocol updates.

EMS Instructor Professional Development Online

This course is conducted by Moore Norman Technology Center.

For More information call or email Ernie Gomez at Moore Norman Technology Center.

Phone Number: (405) 809-3507

Email: Ernie.Gomez@mntc.edu.

Oklahoma Public Safety Expo

Formerly Medic Update

July 09 -12, 2013

The annual Oklahoma Public Safety Expo will be held once again at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa.

Representatives from Emergency Systems will be providing the following training:

Pre Conference Tuesday, July 9

Instructor Coordinator Update – Robert Irby

Robert will be reviewing the following topics followed by a question and answer period

- New Education related forms and how to complete.
- New ALS testing process including the National Registry pass rates.
- OSDH Protocols: Who has sent theirs in and who has not
- The future and usefulness of Authorized Procedures List
- Open discussion of what each level of licensure can and cannot do
- Email addresses for all educators will be gathered during this session

Wednesday, July 10

- State of EMS Address – Dale Adkerson 0800 to 0830

Thursday, July 11*

- EMS Director Academy – OSDH Staff 0930 to 1045 Administration
- EMS Director Academy, continued — OSDH Staff 1100 to 1200 Administration
- Leadership in EMS – Brandon Bowen 1315 to 1430 Administration

*We have taken the feedback from previous EMS Directors Training and modified the course accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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OERSSIRF Grant Review



Volunteers diligently reviewing and processing the OERSSIRF Grant Requests



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We would like to receive comments on the Newsletter. We would like to use this platform to address your questions. We are attempting to address each area as presented by our stakeholders.

If you have a specific topic that would be of benefit to you, please notify us as soon as possible so we may research and determine the best way to approach your request. Forward requests or suggestions to:

BrandonB@health.ok.gov
DavidG@health.ok.gov

The new and improved Emergency Systems is extremely proud of our growth and expansion. We look forward to supplying you with pertinent information to help us all grow into the future.

UPCOMING DEVELOPEMENT

Development Opportunities

Since September of 2012, the Emergency Systems Department has held three EMS Director Training sessions at the Central Office in Oklahoma City. If you are an EMS Director, we sincerely hope you were able to attend one of those meetings. We received very good feedback from the participant's course evaluations collected. If you were unable to attend, we are excited to let you know we will be presenting this course at the Oklahoma Public Safety EXPO in July. We will also hold Regional EMS Director Training in each region in the near future.

We ask that you make a concerted effort to attend or send a representative from your service to the Regional EMS Director meeting held in your Region. We highly encourage new Directors to attend. This is a great networking opportunity since younger EMS Directors will be able to speak with EMS Directors with more experience.

They may also be able to offer advice on staffing issues, record keeping tips and maintaining adequate supplies for your service. These meetings are a great opportunity to network with other directors in your Region and take that step of working together for the betterment of the public health and safety.

In addition, the State Department of Health is holding Regional Oklahoma Trauma Education Program (OTEP) trainings. These trainings offer a scenario unique to this specific training. Our intention is to work as many EMS Services and Hospitals in a region as possible. The goal is to provide a complicated scenario designed to stress the local EMS agencies and local hospitals. As always we are still providing regular OTEP courses as well.

Please watch your mail for dates to be announced in the coming weeks. We hope to see you there!

Questions? Below are the topics followed by the names of those who can assist you. 405-271-4027 then ask for the following:

Training / Education / CAN Requests	Robert Irby
Licensure—Agency or Medic Communications	Daryl Bottoms /Casey Brockelman/Robert Irby Chris Dew
Certification—EMR or EMRA HB1888	Daryl Bottoms Dale Adkerson
Trauma Fund	Jana Davis / Grace Pelley
OKEMSIS / Trauma Registry	Martin Lansdale / Kenneth Stewart Ph.D.
EMResource™	Bill Henrion / Grace Pelley
Complaints	Chris Dew / Dale Adkerson
CQI/MAC/Referrals	Vacant / Jennifer Shaw
Rules/Regulations	Emergency System Administrators
Development	Sean Oats
OERSDAC	Dale Adkerson
OTSIDAC	Brandon Bowen
OERSSIRF	Dale Adkerson
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