



The BREMSS Bulletin

BREMSS will endeavor to provide a monthly e-mail bulletin to all of the EMS community in our seven county Region. It is our hope to increase the level of communications to and from the EMS community. Each of the BREMSS Staff will provide several paragraphs each month to the BREMSS Bulletin. We welcome your comments on any of the topics or if there are specific topics of presentation you would like us to address from a BREMSS Staff position.



STEMI System Train-the-Trainer classes were provided by BREMSS on February 22nd-26th. We expect the STEMI System to begin routing patients the first week of March (10).

Communications to Hospitals:

In the days when the HEAR system limited EMS notification of patient arrival to the hospital to a very few minutes this was acceptable. Today with improved communications an EMT can notify the hospital of patient condition almost anywhere in BREMSS. The hospital must be given ample time to prepare appropriately for the arriving patient. It is not acceptable to wait until the ambulance is close to the hospital to call. This EMS behavior is not in the patient's best interest and causes significant patient care issues. Let's change this behavior and benefit the patient.

The con-ed/re-licensure period is almost over for another year. The March 31st deadline when EMT licenses expire is just around the corner. As we begin this next period of EMT Licensure, everyone has promised not to wait until the last minute again to get con-ed for their EMT license. Well...let's get the ball rolling quickly with some con-ed that will count toward re-licensure.

- The UAB Trauma Conference is March 12th at the Birmingham Sheraton.
- The ADPH is putting on a Responder Safety class March 31 at Jefferson State Community College - Carson Road.

Details for each of these classes are on the BREMSS website at www.bremss.org under "Outside EMS Education". Each of these classes are full day.

EMS Equipment Bid List

The EMS Equipment Bid List is available at www.bremss.org. The contract can be used by any BREMSS EMS Provider throughout 2010 to purchase EMS equipment and supplies. Please call or e-mail with any questions.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

At the recent BREMSS CE session, representatives from the Birmingham Crisis Center spoke to the classes regarding examination of sexual assault victims. This information will be helpful to the EMS community.

A nurse and an advocate (volunteer counselor), trained in interviewing and examination of victims of sexual assault, is available (24/7) at the Crisis Center if the victim is age 15 or older or at The Children's Hospital if 14 years or under. If there is no medical emergency requiring an ED visit, victims can be transported to the Crisis Center (or Children's) for interview and exam. This avoids a lengthy and often unnecessary ED visit and provides a setting which is removed from the busy ED and allows time for a careful interview and comprehensive evidence gathering process.

The initial contact is to call 323-7273 (323-RAPE) and you will be connected to a nurse examiner. The Crisis Center is located at 3600 8th Ave. South (which is one block north of University Blvd. at that point). If the victim is 14 y/o or under, the operator at The Children's Hospital will coordinate your call.

STATS:

Trauma System #s:	November 09 –340
	December 09 –339
	January 10 –416
Stroke System #s:	November 09 –182
	December 09 –225
	January 10 –306

Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMD)

The first link and maybe the most important link in the EMSS is call receipt and dispatch or EMD. EMS personnel who perform this function are often the most overlooked, overworked and under-appreciated members of the EMS team. BREMSS continues to offer EMD education and certification at no charge to EMS organizations and 911 centers in the Region. Guidecards to guide the EMD are also available at no cost.

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