



# EMS NEWSLETTER

Providing information to the Emergency Medical Service Providers of Utah



## EMS WEEK MAY 20-26, 2018

**EMS Strong: "Stronger Together"**

Take pride in what we do. It takes dedication and a caring attitude to provide emergency medical care.

National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." For additional information, contact [emsweek@acep.org](mailto:emsweek@acep.org).

## EMS AWARDS NOMINATIONS

*Nomination forms are due May 30, 2018*

The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness (BEMSP) would like to honor the extraordinary service of those who provide day-to-day lifesaving services. The annual EMS Awards Ceremony is an excellent opportunity to recognize our state's exceptional EMS professionals and express our support as an emergency medical community.

Nomination forms are available at: <https://bemsp.utah.gov/?p=2276>.

If you know of an EMS Professional who meets the EMS award criteria, please fill out and submit the nomination to the BEMSP. A nomination committee of EMS peers will select the award recipients. All award applications must be **filled out completely with attached justification for each nomination**. Please submit your nomination to Tami Goodin either by email at [tgoodin@utah.gov](mailto:tgoodin@utah.gov) or by mail: Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - P.O. Box 142004, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-2004 Attention: Tami Goodin.

**The Utah Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness, awards ceremony will be held Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. (Location to be determined.)**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGE**

Effective July 1, 2018, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness (BESMP) EMS personnel license process will change. The BEMSP is rewriting the recertification protocols and will make them available on the EMS website prior to July 1. Additional guidance will also be available on the website to assist in renewing your license.

The changes include the two-year license for all EMS personnel and also reduce the amount of Continuing Medical Education (CME) required. The new administrative rules also go into effect July 1 and will require you to maintain your NREMT certification.

If you were certified by the NREMT after July 1, 2015, you will need a current NREMT certification in order to renew your license. The NREMT may have your status listed as inactive. If you are listed as inactive, CME verification will be required by your training officer, or if you are unaffiliated the BEMSP will be able to assist you in changing your status to active.

We understand there may be some confusion about these new requirements. If you are affiliated with an agency, your training officer should be able to explain them. If you are unaffiliated, we recommend you contact the course coordinator where you received your initial training, for guidance. In addition, you may call the bureau at (801) 273-6666 for assistance.

## **National Continued Competency Program (NCCP)**

The National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) is the new standard that will be used in renewing your license as an EMS provider. The number of hours required to renew your license is dependent upon your level of certification.

In addition to the NCCP requirements the bureau requires, AEMTs are required to have either Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP), Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition and Stabilization (PEARS), or an equivalent as determined by the UBEMSP. Paramedics are still required to have Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP), or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS).

Effective July 1, 2018 the specific requirements to renew your license will be published under the Personnel Resources tab on the bureau's webpage.

For more information about recertifying your NREMT certification visit the NREMT Recertification website: <https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/recertification>



## Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is the first line of stroke defense

### Enhancing EMS stroke recognition and adequate prehospital care lowers mortality and reduces long-term disability<sup>1,2</sup>

A stroke occurs every 40 seconds in the United States, affecting an estimated 795,000 people annually.<sup>3</sup>

As an EMS professional, your role is critical in optimizing stroke care to help to lower mortality and long-term disability associated with stroke:

- Ensure you know your region’s routing protocols and the stroke capabilities of hospitals in your area
- Request performance metrics from EMS data capture to review and identify areas of improvement
- Spread awareness by educating the community in recognizing the signs of stroke and learning how to take action. (Calling 911 and using EMS helps provide optimal prehospital stroke care.)

Enhance and supplement your knowledge by reviewing the EMS Trainer’s Stroke Slide Kit:

[https://www.strokeawareness.com/content/dam/gene/strokeawareness/hcp/pdfs/EMS\\_Training\\_Stroke\\_Kit.pptx](https://www.strokeawareness.com/content/dam/gene/strokeawareness/hcp/pdfs/EMS_Training_Stroke_Kit.pptx)



**ACCESS THE KIT**

For more Information on Stroke Awareness: <https://www.strokeawareness.com/hcp/enhance-ems-care.html>

## EMSC

Hello and Happy Spring to all!

Communicable disease has been popping up in news lately. Stories of the Hepatitis outbreaks and recent cases of whooping cough shine a light on the need for vaccination. As healthcare providers we have a responsibility to know the facts and promote health. <https://bemsp.utah.gov/operations-and-response/specialty-care-vulnerable-populations/emsc/>

Happy EMS Week and we look forward to the EMS appreciation breakfast hosted by the Primary Children's Hospital Emergency Department on EMS for Children Day, May 23, 2018!

Also, please welcome Erik Andersen, Paramedic, as the new EMSC Lead PEPP coordinator. He is already gearing up to respond to numerous requests for PEPP courses and looks forward to working with the EMSC county coordinators and agencies throughout Utah.



### Children's Health Information Red Pack (CHIRP)



EMSC has worked with many of our partners to create a registry for children with complicated healthcare needs. This is the Children's Health Information Red Pack (CHIRP) Program.

Purpose: to provide a way of giving key emergency health information to EMS responding to a call on a child with special healthcare needs (CSHCN) in order to improve the care of these children.

Parents of CSHCN: Once enrolled, a parent can easily update their child's changing medical needs, medications, and recommendations online. Knowing that their child has up-to-date information available to anyone caring for their child can give them peace of mind.

EMS: It satisfies the HIPPA requirements to allow you (the EMS provider) access to medical information on a particular child in your service area, a child that you will likely have to respond to. It also promotes easy access to current key information when you get that call.

CHIRP information: [https://site.utah.gov/bemsp/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2016/09/chirp\\_ems\\_flyer.pdf](https://site.utah.gov/bemsp/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2016/09/chirp_ems_flyer.pdf) or

Tia Dalrymple RN, BSN [Dalrymple@utah.gov](mailto:Dalrymple@utah.gov) (801)707-3763

## EMS Grants

**A courtesy reminder for those who received EMS Grants for FY2018.** All funds must be spent between June 1, 2017 and May 15, 2018. All reimbursement requests must be received at the bureau's office by May 31, 2018. **If you do not use your awarded funds it will impact your ability for future grant allocations.**

Contact Gay Brogdon at 801-273-6603 or [gbrogdon@utah.gov](mailto:gbrogdon@utah.gov) with any questions/concerns.



## GLOBUS RELIEF

There are resources available to help nonprofit organizations reduce their operating and training costs. Globus Relief is a nonprofit organization that provides medical supplies to assist in disasters that occur around the world. To support their shipping costs and other expenses they sell medical supplies at roughly 85% off the retail price to nonprofit EMS agencies. For example, IV catheters are less than \$2 each. A brand-new suction unit costs less than \$50. Boxes of gloves sell for \$1.50 per box. A pair of EMT scissors is only \$1.20. Items are sold on a first come, first served basis and is limited to what items they have in stock. For more details, contact Salam Shawky at [sshawky@globusrelief.org](mailto:sshawky@globusrelief.org), or find more information at <http://www.globusrelief.org/>.

## TRAINING OFFICERS

On May 1, 2018, Brett Cross, Program Manager for EMS Training and Education provided a webinar for training officers regarding the proposed rule changes for EMS licensure. This webinar outlines the specific requirements under NCCP recertification requirements. Please understand that you must recertify with the National Registry Emergency Medical Technicians in order to be relicensed with the state of Utah. Hopefully, Brett's presentation will answer many of your questions.

**YouTube Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ueDgZwA7Ep4>

It will take a team effort to reduce the anxiety and stress for your personnel. The bureau is trying to simplify license renewal and ensure that all personnel meet the renewal requirements.

For more information please contact Brett Cross at (801) 273-6628 or [bcross@utah.gov](mailto:bcross@utah.gov).

## COURSE COORDINATORS

On May 1, Brett Cross, Program Manager for EMS Training and Education provided a webinar for course coordinators concerning the proposed rule changes for EMS licensure. Hopefully Brett's presentation will answer many of your questions.

**YouTube Link:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rG\\_spthVDA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rG_spthVDA)

It is critical that course coordinators understand the certification and recertification requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that your students know their responsibilities and understand the need to keep their National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification current. It is no longer optional to maintain the NREMT certification.

The bureau has designated the specific remedial training requirements for those who fail the cognitive test three times. Documentation that the student has completed the required remedial training is required prior to the student being allowed three additional cognitive tests.

For more information please contact Brett Cross at (801) 273-6628 or [bcross@utah.gov](mailto:bcross@utah.gov).

## UPCOMING EMS INSTRUCTOR SEMINARS

Please use the Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness Licensing & Certification System to sign up for instructor, training officer, and course coordinator courses, as well as initial certifications and recertification. The direct link is: <https://emsllicense.utah.gov/Login/>. Sign in to your account, click on “Training” and then enter the course number in the “Course number/name” box. It will take you to the course details and enable you to register. You will have to start an application for each certification - choose “initial” or “renew” and the fees can be paid online.

Current Instructor, Training Officer, and Course Coordinator- each one day and each level must be registered for separately:

### Course Number

May 18, 2018 - Brigham City

Current Instructor	IS2018091
Training Officer	TO2018097
Course Coordinator	CC2018094

August 17, 2018 - Sandy

Current Instructor	IS2018092
Training Officer	TO2018098
Course Coordinator	CC2018095

New Instructor:

July 25-27, 2018 - Hurricane	IS2018099
September 26-28 - Sandy	IS2018100

New Training Officer:

July 27, 2018 - Hurricane	TO2018105
October 2, 2018 - Salt Lake	TO2018106

New Course Coordinator

July 27, 2018 - Hurricane	CC2018102
October 2, 2018 - Salt Lake	CC2018103

New EMS Instructor for Current Educators

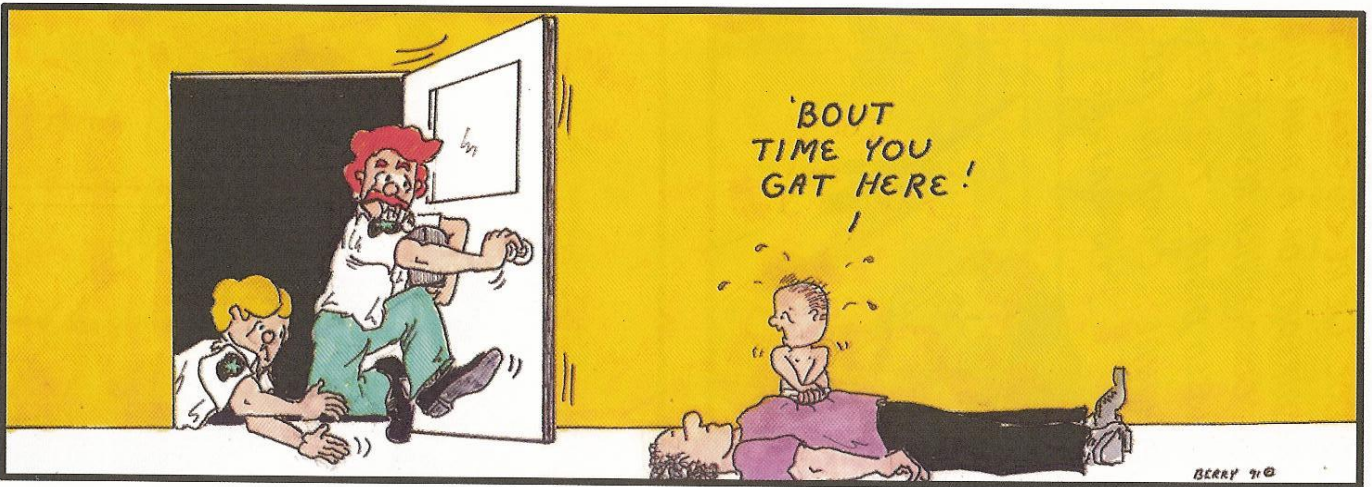
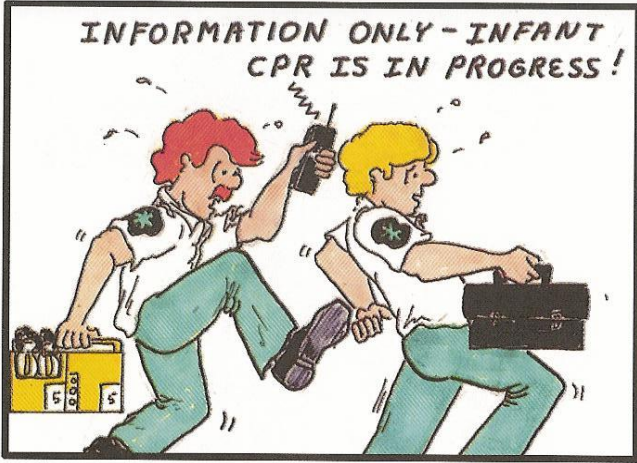
August 22, 2018 – Ogden	IS2018146
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## UPCOMING EMS SEMINARS

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Utah Trauma Network 2018  
Viridian Center, West Jordan, UT  
September 13, 2018  
[info@conferences.utah.edu](mailto:info@conferences.utah.edu), 801-587-2989

EMS Associates – Summit in Provo  
November 10, 2018  
<http://emsassociates.com/provo/>



## IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness web page:

<http://bemsp.utah.gov/>

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness Licensing and Certification system:

<https://emsllicense.utah.gov/Login/>

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness Professional Licensure:

<http://bemsp.utah.gov/ems-personnel-licensure/>

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness EMS recertification manual:

<https://bemsp.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2017/02/Recertification-Protocol-for-EMS-Personnel-Feb2017.pdf>

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians:

<https://www.nremt.org>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Office of EMS:

<https://www.ems.gov/>

EMS Employment Opportunities:

<https://bemsp.utah.gov/ems-employment-opportunities/>

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness EMSC Program:

<https://bemsp.utah.gov/operations-and-response/specialty-care-vulnerable-populations/emsc/>

U OF U Burn Center:

<https://healthcare.utah.edu/burncenter/>

Poison Control

<http://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/>

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