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Greater Cincinnati EMS Coordinators Committee’s Vision Statement

“To create an EMS Environment where life squads and hospitals work in unity and communicate effectively through mutual respect, collaboration, and support with a shared goal of providing the best patient care possible.

The Greater Cincinnati EMS Coordinators Committee held their second semi-annual EMS joint training “Greater Cincinnati EMS Symposium” on May 23rd at the beautiful Anderson Center is Anderson Twp., OH. We had perfect weather and a perfect venue of great speakers and food, not to mention the comradery.

Distinguished speakers, from all over the Tristate, covered topics on Airway Management, Stroke, CBERNE, Pediatrics, Cardiology, and Drug Abuse. Our expert Trauma Panel fielded questions from the attendees on an array of Trauma topics and issues. The Symposium, as always, was free of charge and included a continental breakfast and lunch. During intermissions attendees were able to visit the vendor booths where they heard about great services and saw demonstrations of great products. Special thanks to Anderson Township Fire Department for providing 6 hours of continuing education credits to the 110 attendees. Special thanks to our vendors and the delicious lunch from City Barbeque. Thanks to all that attended. The next Greater Cincinnati EMS Symposium will be held in February, 2017. Date: TBA. Expect to hear more soon. We hope to see you all there.
Congratulations to the 2016 recipients of the Mission Lifeline EMS STEMI Quality Achievement Award Cincinnati/Northern KY Region. Mission: Lifeline was developed to transform heart attack patients outcomes by connecting healthcare providers, prehospital providers, and community stakeholders in a proactive system of care that saves and improves lives. The American Heart Association is proud to honor those EMS agencies that meet high standards of performance and commitment to excellence in treating patients with ST-Elevation Acute Coronary Syndrome. Well done!

Cincinnati Fire Department GOLD
Green Twp. Fire and EMS GOLD
Miami Twp. Fire Department GOLD
Reading Fire Department GOLD
Colerain Twp. Department of Fire and EMS SILVER
West Chester Fire Department SILVER
Evendale Fire Department BRONZE
Sharonville Fire Department BRONZE
Springdale Fire Department BRONZE
Springfield Twp. Fire Department BRONZE
Independence Fire District BRONZE

Chempack
When was the last time you heard anything about Chempack? Well, it still exists and this is a great opportunity for a refresh on this regional asset. There are two types of Chempacks – one is designed for an EMS field response and the other for hospitals. If you come upon an incident with victims exhibiting SLUDGE symptoms and your resources will not accommodate the number of victims, you can call: 866-599-5377 in Ohio to request this asset be delivered to the scene. The program is developed and run by the Department of Health in each State as well as the CDC.
Atrium Medical Center
Pediatric Simulation

For two days, every hour on the hour, a new pediatric trauma simulation began. There was no registration required and it took place in a trauma bay at Atrium’s Emergency Department. EMS providers could drop by at any session and work with Doctor’s, RN’s, RT’s, Careflight staff, and other EMS providers on a “full code” pediatric trauma simulation. Over 100 participants took part in the free training, earning 1 hour of CE credit.

2016 EMS Memorial Service

EMS Memorial Service

The National EMS Memorial Service Weekend of Honor was held in Washington DC., May 20th—23rd, 2016. It started with the National EMS Memorial Service, held on the last day of National EMS Week to honor the 32 EMS and air medical personnel that lost their lives in the line of duty. Personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Honor Guards along with Bagpipe and Drum Corps from all over the country volunteer their time and service to honor the fallen. The service is held annually and comes at the end of the East Coast leg of the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride. The memorial includes Bagpipe and Drum corps, a keynote address and an Honor Guard presentation. Flags are sent from the U.S. Capitol to present to the honorees’ families, and a tribute video is shared in remembrance of the fallen EMS personnel. A National Moment of silence is called during the service at 6:00 pm and EMS agencies from across the U.S participate in 30 seconds of radio silence in remembrance. Each year since 1993 the National Memorial Tree of Life has been on display with oak leaves that are engraved with the names of the fallen heroes. The service was concluded with a Candlelight Ceremony.
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center: Online educational opportunities, www.peds-ems-online.com.

The Christ Hospital Cardiac Catherization Lab: Opportunity to spend 4 hours and receive 4 hours of cardiac continuing education. Contact Mark Johnston, mark.johnston@thechristhospital.com or 513-263-1420.

Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati: Epilepsy & Seizure Response Online Training for EMS Personnel.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare: Handtevy Pediatric Resuscitation System Webinar: Thursday, August 4th, 2016, 09:30 am to 10:00 am.

St Elizabeth Healthcare: National Registry EMT-B Course. Location: Boone County Training Center. Beginning Aug. 9th Tue. & Thur. 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. For more information regarding this class, please contact Debbie Szurlinski at debbie.szurlinski@stelizabeth.com or 859-212-5021.

Trihealth Center for Simulation & Education Department: 6th Annual EMS Instructor Update; Friday, September 23, 2016, 9 am - 4 pm, at Bethesda North Hospital (Golder Room). Registration: trihealth.com/simulationcenter.

Trihealth Trauma Services: Poly-trauma Multidisciplinary Case Review. August 25th, 2016 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Bethesda North Hospital, Golder Rm. I & II. Free of cost.


UC Division of EMS: Trauma Rounds for fire, EMS and first responders. Information: Lauren Stenger, 513-584-5382 or lauren.stenger@uchealth.com.

UC Fire Science/UC Aerospace: UAVs for Emergency Responders (Drones); Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 9 am-3 pm, UC Auditorium, 2220 Victory Parkway. Information/registration: Larry Bennett, lawrence.bennett@uc.edu.

UC Health: Continuing Education Courses, held at UC Health Business Center, 3200 Burnet Avenue. Information: Joshua Borkosky, 513-585-8962 or joshua.borkosky@uc.edu.

UC Health Simulation Center: EMS Sim Days, held the fourth Tuesday of every month from 1:30-5:30 pm. Information: Joshua Borkosky, 513-585-8962 or joshua.borkosky@uc.edu.

University Hospital Cardiac Catherization Lab: Opportunity to spend 4 hours and receive 4 hours of cardiac continuing education; contact Kay Vonderschmidt, vondermk@ucmail.uc.edu.

Warren County Fire Chiefs EMS Conference; Saturday, October 1, 7:30 am-4 pm. Free/registration required.
Bellevue Hospital in lower Manhattan established the first Municipal Ambulance Service in 1869. Two, one horse-drawn carriages were staffed by an Ambulance Driver and an Ambulance Surgeon. Ambulance Surgeons fresh out of two years of medical school would train for two months riding on the ambulance. The hat, pictured to the left is an original hat worn by an Ambulance Surgeon. It is on display at the EMS Museum.