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EMS Agency Assessment

Special points of interest:

- EMS Assessment
- Simulation Event
- 2014 Projects

The EMS-Children program has completed our assessment for Arkansas. All ground EMS agencies that respond to emergency calls were sent an assessment to complete. For the first time, Arkansas achieved a 100 % participation rate. That is truly impressive for our state. It shows as real concern by everyone in EMS to improve Pediatric Care in Arkansas. I want to thank everyone involved.



Springdale Fire Department Simulation Event

A simulation event was conducted at the Springdale Fire Department on January 22, 2014. The event was very successful and several Fire crews were able to participate in the event. A news article about the event is available, please click the link listed to view it.

http://www.clipsyndicate.com/video/play/4893381/first_responders_training.



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BLS Pediatric Equipment Bags

Pediatric Simulation Training

To set up a simulation event please contact Jack Hill. The events are planned in two phases. First, a planning meeting is held with the EMS Agency Management Staff and Medical Director. Second the Event is conducted at your service on a selected day. We are currently planning events for next year, so please call as soon as possible. **UPDATE!!!!**

New One Year Old Simulator is available !!

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

Henry Ford

Next EMS-Children Advisory Committee Meeting will be held.

**February 20, 2014
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Freeway Medical Building, Room 801,



The EMS-Children Program started an initiative last year to assist BLS services with Pediatric BLS equipment. This program was developed for services that hold a BLS license only. An email was sent to all BLS services and we had a great response. We had 20 BLS Services respond to the program. Thank you to all of them that picked up the bags or made arrangements for shipping. The EMS-Children Program hopes the equipment can assist all of you with Pediatric Care. The following agencies responded.

Bald Knob Ambulance
Calhoun County Ambulance
City of Ozark Ambulance Service
Faulkner County Emergency Squad
Greers Ferry Ambulance
Huttig Volunteer Ambulance Service
Northwest Medical Transfer
Pine Snag Lobo Fire Association
Runyan Acres VFD
Tumbling Shoals EMS

Blytheville C.B Emergency Squad
Chimes Vol. Fire Department
Fairfield Bay Volunteer Rescue
Grand Prairie EMS
Hughes Fire Dept./EMS Division
Junction City Ambulance
Pea Ridge Fire Department
Quitman EMS
Scotland Area Fire/EMS
Wilburn EMS

This initiative is now closed. Please look for other initiatives from the EMS-Children Program in the future.

2014 A Look Ahead

30th Anniversary

The EMS-Children Program has an exciting year ahead. 2014 is our 30th Anniversary of the EMS-Children Program. At the Program Managers meeting in July there will be special recognition of those that have assisted the program over the Years. Please keep a look out in this Newsletter for information.

EMS Pediatric Expo 2014

The EMS-Children Program is currently organizing a one day event that will focus on Pre-Hospital care of Pediatrics. The particulars of the day are still being ironed out. Similar Expos are held across the country and sponsored by EMS-Children Programs. This would be a first for the Arkansas EMS-Children Program. More information will be published as details are finalized. Below are a couple of projects that the program will be focused on during the coming year. Other projects are in development and we will have more information at a later date.

High Fidelity Simulation Program

The EMS-Children Program has a new addition to the Simulation Family. We have recently acquired Halle. She is a one year old high fidelity simulator. This acquisition will add a new element to the program. She is very much like her counterpart the 5 year old Hal. We hope to have her available very soon, and will work with EMS services to develop a simulation that will assist providers with realistic situations. Please contact Jack Hill (501-280-4902) for more information.

Exertional Heat Illness Project

Over the coming few months every service will receive a packet of information on this program. It will include a DVD that was created about this topic. This project has been the work of several organizations. As we get closer to the distribution date the EMS-Children Program and the Section of EMS will notify everyone that they are being mailed. Thank you to everyone who made this project a reality!!!