## EMSC Monthly Newsletter July 2023





## **Upcoming Events:**

## AEMTA EMS Conference August 3-6 in Hot Springs

## EMSC Advisory Council Meeting

August 4th at 11:00am in Hot Springs

Pediatric Endocrine Emergencies ACH Vodcast August 16th at 9:30am

Contact Information: Kellie Tolliver, EMT 5800 W. 10th St Suite 800 Little Rock, AR 72204 (501)661-2744 (501)553-4368 kellie.tolliver@arkansas.gov On July 23, 2023, Emergency Medical Services for Children traveled to Siloam Springs, Arkansas to provide Siloam Springs Fire Department with a Safe Haven Baby Box Kit during their baby box blessing. Amanda White, former EMSC program manager, started this project with a goal to ensure that fire departments had means of safe transportation for the surrendered newborn as well as supplies that may be needed like diapers, wipes, and medical supplies. So far this year, three newborns have been surrendered in Arkansas with two of those surrenders being in Benton, Arkansas.

EMSC is gearing up for the AEMTA Conference in August in Hot Springs, Arkansas. In conjunction with the conference is the EMSC Advisory Council meeting which is open to conference attendees. Two of the biggest projects that will be discussed are the Ambulance Recognition Program and the Hospital Recognition Program. The goal of these programs are to ensure that EMS services and hospitals are pediatric ready statewide.

In June, EMS services in Arkansas answered 3,536 calls for pediatric patients. From January 1, 2023-June 30, 2023, EMS services were dispatched to 21,823 calls were for pediatric patients. Pediatric patients are low volume, high risk calls. There are endless pediatric education and training opportunities in Arkansas. If you or your service needs pediatric training hours and/or pediatric skills practice, please reach out to EMSC. All training and education through EMSC will count towards continuing education hours for license recertification.

