



# TALES OF THE EAST

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## 2014 EMS Awards

On Friday May 22, Midstate Regional EMS gathered at Harts Hill to recognize Midstate providers, agencies & professional healthcare providers. Actor and EMS Advocate Randolph Mantooth (John Gage in the NBC hit series *Emergency*) presented an in depth look at the history of our nation's EMS System and how the TV show educated the country on EMS care. Regional Medical Director John DeTraglia, Regional Chairman Ron Simons & NYS Bureau of EMS Operations Director, Dan Clayton recognized the entire EMS team, as well as



making the following Individual and Agency awards:

- **Midstate EMT of the Year**  
EMT Ethan Geary
- **Midstate Communications Specialist**  
EMT David Dunn
- **Excellence and Quality**  
Oneida Fire Dept
- **Midstate Leadership Award**  
Paramedic John Hasse
- **Registered Nurse of Excellence**  
Amela Thomsson RN
- **Physician of Excellence**  
Scott Brehaut
- **EMS Agency of the Year**  
Lake Delta Fire Dept
- **EMS Educator of Excellence**  
Paramedic Erik Merrill
- **Advanced Provider of the Year**  
John Paul Nagy EMTP
- **Deb Hart Award**  
Cheryl Perry RN
- **St. Elizabeth Trauma Award**  
Utica Fire Dept.

## FROM THE CLINICAL COORDINATOR

The Midstate Region has been recognized as a leader in the pre-hospital recognition of Stroke and STEMI patients. This success is in part attributed to the early acquisition and transmission of 12 lead EKG's for the cardiac patient and a combination

of pre-hospital use of the Cincinnati stroke scale and last know well time for our stroke patients. Special attention should continue for those atypical patients who present with non specific complaints. As part of our quality program it is important that

the program agency is made aware of any failures in either of these programs. Note date time and hospital destination when notifying the Program Agency 738-8351 [remSCO@midstateems.org](mailto:remSCO@midstateems.org)



VITAL SIGNS  
CONFERENCE  
SYRACUSE  
OCT 22-25  
2015  
VITALSIGNSCON-  
FERENCE.COM

“The procedure for requesting Air Medical has not changed in Midstate, Having a local ship will improve our scene ETA’s.”



“What are we dealing with here”

## Notes from State EMS

On May 13 and 14 the New York State EMS Advisory Committees convened in Troy. The Council discussed, reviewed and approved several EMS agenda items including:

- ⇒ Approved the use of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) for Basic Life Support Agencies, after Agency Medical Director and REMAC approval. The state policy and training course outline will be on the NYS Bureau’s website.
- ⇒ Approved a NYS Pilot Project “Check and Inject NY” that allows ambulances ser-

vice’s BLS providers to use epinephrine syringes in place of auto-injectors, The Agency must receive Regional approval to participate in the pilot project, conduct internal training/reporting and maintain project compliance. If the demo project is proven and made policy, it can save millions of dollars a year.

⇒ Effective May 2015, are the revisions to Public Health Law Part 800.03, .06, .08, .09, .15 & .16. These changes move the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program from pilot

to regulation, provides definition for abuse, abandonment & criminal acts and EMS certification. It also addresses changes to the reciprocity procedure for EMT’s coming into NYS.

⇒ Changes to pre-Hospital spinal immobilization are on the horizon; however, these changes have NOT been approved. Providers are to continue to follow existing Spinal Immobilization BLS protocols.

⇒ EMS for Children, presented a list of recommended pediatric equipment, a draft policy has been circulated and will be forth coming from the Bureau soon.

⇒ Next SEMSCO Dec 8 & 9.

## MidState Region Update

The Midstate REMSCO has several new members and has been busy working on several initiatives.

At the May meeting Ron Simons REMSCO Chair welcomed newly elected Oneida County members Marcel Jeff and Tony Salce, Applications were also tabled for one Herkimer and one Oneida County Council Member seat.

The new Madison County Emergency Manager, Ted Halpin was introduced. Ted has an extensive emergency services history in-

cluding serving in the DOH Bureau of EMS..

A new Critical Incident Stress Team has been created. They meet regularly and remind anyone requesting this type of assistance to contact Resource at 624-6287.

The Education Committee has developed a second training skill session. It has been sent to all Midstate Agencies as a possible training session. Simple, relevant and can be completed in 2 hours.

Herkimer County reported 2 additional tower sites that will greatly improve communications in northern and southern Herkimer County. Sue Crimmins 911 Supervisor and past REMSCO member has retired. The Council and Region wish Sue the best in her retirement.

Mercy Flight will operate out of the Oneida Co Airport starting in Rome sometime in June. We expect this will improve scene ETA’s. The procedure for requesting air medical services has not changed.

## “Midstate Opiate Overdose Program ”

Ove the past several months Midstate and all of upstate NY has experienced an explosive increase in the use of opiates. These have resulted in several deaths. The New York State Department of Health and the Midstate REMSCO have partnered in an Opiate Overdose Prevention Program. Dr. John DeTraglia is the Program Medical Director. This life saving program

is open to any agency willing to receive the training. Fire, Police and EMS as well as civic and other agencies now have access to both training and nasal Naloxone (narcan) for the treatment of opiate overdoses.

These extremely time sensitive emergencies require rapid identification and action to avoid serious and potentially fatal results.

Within the Midstate Region, organizations may face victims of opiate overdose. They are encouraged to contact the Faxton St. Luke’s EMS Program Agency for more information.

Faxton St. Luke’s EMS Program (315) 738-8351, 14 Foery Drive, Utica, NY 13501 or

remSCO@midstateems.org

## TRAUMA TEACHING DAY

*29TH ANNUAL St. Elizabeth Trauma Conference  
Vernon Downs Casino and Hotel, Vernon NY*

### Thursday October 1

- 6PM Cocktails
- 7PM Dinner and “ There’s No Crying at a Rescue” by William Halinan, RN,MS EMT-P

### Friday October 2

- “50 Shades of Blue—We Are All on the Same Team”
- Scene Evidence Protection
- Spinal Trauma—”New Thinking”
- Active Shooter
- Cardiac Trauma “ Mending a Broken Heart”
- Real Pain Management

	Thurs and Fri	Fri Only
EMT	\$50.00	\$35.00
RN	\$75.00	\$50.00
MD	\$125.00	\$100.00
	Thursday Only	
	\$30.00	

Call (315) 801-8127 for more information or to register



## 2015 MIDSTATE MEETING SCHEDULE

**REMSCO MEETING**  
Meetings Held at EMS  
Training Center  
14 Foery Drive Utica

June 23, 2015	7PM
July 28, 2015	7PM
Sept 22, 2015	7PM
Oct 27, 2015	7PM
Nov 24, 2015	7PM

### Program Agency Meetings

The Program Agency will no longer host quarterly EMS Agency meetings instead we will host spring and fall meetings in each county.

Program / County EMS September meetings are:

- Sept 15 6PM**  
14 Foery Drive Utica
- Sept 16 6:30PM**  
SEVAC Morrisville
- Sept 17 6:30 PM**  
Little Falls Hospital

### Midstate Regional

Meetings are open to the public also posted on the [midstateems.org](http://midstateems.org) web site

## Boilermaker Road Race Volunteers

Once again we are looking for volunteers to assist with medical coverage of America’s Best 15K road race. Help from First Responders, EMTs, AEMTs, Nurses, NPA, PA & Physicians will be most appreciated. Both races have full registration and we are anticipating another busy year at the medical stations and medical tent.

If you are interested or maybe your Department would like to “man” a station contact the EMS Office and get details.

Medical Volunteer meetings July 8, 10AM 1PM 3PM and 6:30PM

## Americas Best 15K Road race



REGISTER ON LINE AT [remSCO@midstateems.org](http://remSCO@midstateems.org) OR CALL 738-8351

Phone: 315738-8351  
 Fax: 315738-8938  
 E-mail:  
 bill@midsateems.org

**Register on line  
 Midstateems.org**

**FSL EMS Programs**  
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**FSL EMS Education**  
 Tony Salce,  
 Course Sponsor  
 Administrator  
 Bill Perry,  
 Asst Course Sponsor  
 Administrator

**BASIC EMT-O Faxton St Luke's EMS Education 2015**

Location	Start	Certification Exam	Days	Times	Instructor
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Hamilton	9/2/15	4/21/16	Mon / Wed	6pm-10pm	Shaver
Floyd Fire Station	9/10/15	3/17/16	Mon / Thur	6pm—10pm	Merrill
Utica	9/14/15	3/17/16	Mon-Wed	6:30pm-10:30	Dziura

**BASIC EMT-R**

Utica	6/20/15	8/20/15	Mon—Wed	6pm—10pm	Shaver
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**AEMT-CC/-O/R**

Clark Mills	6/11/15	3/15/16	Mon—Wed Occasional Sat	6pm-10pm 9am-1pm	Myers
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**PARAMEDIC**

HCCC	9/4/15	6/15/16	Mon—Wed Occasional Sat	6PM-10PM	Paddock
EMS Training Ctr Utica	9/4/15	6/15/16	Mon—Wed Occasional Sat	1PM—5pm	Paddock

**ON LINE CME**

Basic—CC—  
Paramedic Central Oneida  
Co Ambulance

Myers

Start

End

6/17/15 6pm to  
7pm (Training  
Center)

7/29/15 6pm

7/22/15 6pm to  
7pm (Training  
Center)

8/26/15 6pm

8/23/15 Noon  
(COCVAC)

10/18/15 1:30  
to 4pm

10/18/15 Noon  
(COCVAC)

11/22/15 1:30  
to 4pm

11/22/15 Noon  
(COCVAC)

12/20/15 1:30  
to 4pm

12/20/15 Noon  
(COCVAC)

1/24/16 1:30 to  
4pm

**Madison Co** 9/1/15  
**Critical Care**  
**Morrisville**  
**Contact Bob**  
**Sturdevant**  
**363 6518**

5/17/16

Sunday 9am-5pm  
Occasional Tues 7-10pm

Nower

**ON LINE CME  
 Core Classes  
 Provider and Agency  
 must be enrolled in  
 CME Program**

