



Tales of the East

Midstate EMS
Faxton-St. Luke's
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It seems like we just turned the page to 2017 and here it is ending. EMS continues to evolve from agencies to the State, it truly is an exciting time in this business.

Similarly, to across New York State the Midstate Region has seen 3 ambulance services merge with neighboring services to create stronger and more dependable services. One Midstate Basic Life Support First Responding Agency no longer responds to EMS calls. Finally, after years of trying New York State has a Collaborative Protocol, the process involved regions across the state and a lot of "give and take". It is a tribute to the dedication of our REMAC's and the State Emergency Medical Service Council, that we have achieved this consistent level of care across New York.

The Basic EMT level of care continues to increase, this year we have added Epinephrine Injection, now included in all original and recert classes, Albuterol for severe respiratory distress (not just asthma) and blood glucose testing to name a few. The State has created a committee to review and report on a complete "overhaul" of our BLS Protocol

The Department of Health terminated original Critical Care classes starting January 1, 2018. Recertification will remain available through both traditional and CME programs. The Bureau is working on a Critical Care to Paramedic Bridge currently under construction and we should see that program in January.

Pre Hospital Electronic charting ePCR in New York State will be moving from Nemsis 2 to Nemsis 3 a much more robust data collection system. Look for implementation in the first quarter of 2018.

Lee Burns our New York State EMS Director has announced her retirement at the end of 2017. Lee has been a constant and vigilant supporter of EMS in New York State. Her dedication and commitment to all EMS has been an inspiration on behalf of all Midstate Providers and Agencies we wish her well and thank her for her support

On behalf of Midstate EMS have a great Holiday, stay safe, and God Bless.



Dan Broedel
Midstate EMS Director

EMT-Critical Care

“The End of an Era”



2017-2018 Last Original Critical Care Class. Lead Instructor Adam Shaver and Assistant Instructor Tony Salce conducted the last class that began in June 2017 and completes in March 2018.

EMS Making a difference

On May 26 the Midstate EMS Region recognized our own providers, agencies, and staff at our annual recognition dinner. The best of the best!

**ALS Provider of the Year
BLS Provider of the Year
Excellence in EMS
Educator of the Year
Communication Specialist
EMS Agency of the Year
EMS Behind the Scenes
Physician of Excellence
Registered Nurse of Excellence
Youth Provider of the Year**

**Pete Giesse
Kaylee Hrynuk
Matthwe Yelton
Richard Bishop
Bernadette White
Rome Fire
Karen Paige
Dhimantkumar Mankad
Jan Derocker
Vito Ouimette**

Region Credentials



I will be sending out reminders when ALS providers' CPR card and provider card are about to expire. There will be 3 ways to send these to me, fax; (315) 738-8351, email; bill@midstateems.org or text me a photo of either card to (315) 525-5810. If I do not have your new card(s) by the end of the month that they expire, your advanced privileges in the Midstate Region will be suspended until I receive them.

Bill Perry, Midstate EMS Office Manager

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION RELEASES NEW CPR GUIDELINES

On October 18, 2015, the American Heart Association released the new CPR Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. Many EMS providers and CPR Instructors have called to question when the changes will go into effect and what are those changes. I have been advised by Mike Dickinson, Regional AHA Coordinator the following: It is strongly recommended to go to the official AHA website to view and review the new 2015 CPR Guidelines. This is the AHA Website address: www.americanheart.org. There was a significant cost increase for all HEARTSAVER card costs. This includes Heartsaver CPR/AED, First Aid, First Aid/CPR/AED and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED. The cost of these cards will now be \$20.00 as opposed to \$5.00 from the past. Health Care Provider cards will be \$5.00 until further notice.

Angela Belmont Resigns from MVHS



On November 20, 2017, Angela Belmont has resigned as Assistant Vice President of Nursing and Emergency Services to accept another position. Angela has been a strong supporter of EMS in her capacity of supervisor of MVHS (Faxton-St. Luke's EMS Education and EMS Services). Dr. Belmont has accepted a position at Cooley-Dickson Health Center as the Vice President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer. Dr. Belmont was instrumental in the development of the Neuro-endovascular program and STEMI program in this region. We are excited about her new endeavors and wish her the best of luck in her future. We will miss her.



Welcome New Instructors

Melissa Lockwood, AEMT-P, CIC
Anthony Arrigo, AEMT-P CLI
Daniel Gigliotti, AEMT-P, CLI
Diane Howe, EMT-B, CLI
Hilary Rounds, EMT-B, CLI
Ryan Ward, AEMT-P, CLI

Region Schedule

REMSCO 7PM

EMS Training Center
January 23, 2018
February 27, 2018
March 27, 2018
April 24, 2018
May 22, 2018 (Annual Meeting)
June 26, 2018
July 24, 2018 (Picnic)
September 25, 2018
October 23, 2018
November 27, 2018

REMAC 7PM

EMS Training Center
March 20, 2018
June 19, 2018
September 18, 2018
December 18, 2018

EMS Stakeholders Meeting

Locations TBA

Madison

Tue April 10, 2018

Tue October 2, 2018

Herkimer

Thur April 12, 2018

Thur October 4, 2018

Oneida

Wed April 11, 2018

Wed October 3, 2018

Additional Meetings will be posted

Education

Current Schedule

EMT-Basic Orig. & Refresher

Jan-May (HCCC) Merrell
Jan-June (FSL EMS) Lockwood
May-Aug (FSL EMS) Shaver
Aug.-Dec. (HCCC) Merrell
Aug.-Dec. (Lee Center) Salce
Aug-Jan (FSL EMS) Lockwood
Aug-March 2019 (COCVAC)

Hybrid Class Myers

EMT-Advanced

February-June COCVAC Steve
Dziura Instructor

Paramedic

August-June MVCC (Day)
August-June HCCC (Evening)

*August-June HCCC (Fulton)

*This is a Distant Learning Program

Dave & Bob Paddock, Instructing

CIU

Feb 2018 (FSL EMS) Joe Taylor

CIC

Sept. 2018 (FSL EMS) Reg Faculty

**More details and to register
go to: midstateems.org**

Save the Dates 2018

Midstate EMS Awards Banquet will be held on Friday May 18, 2018 at

Harts Hill in New York Mills

Please be sure to submit all nominations for awards as soon as your departments have a good call. Lets recognize the outstanding work that your members do!

EMS Education/Teaching Day : September 7, 2018

Boilermaker 2018 will be on Sunday July 8, 2018. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to help us out.

CLINICAL COORDINATOR INFORMATION



Collaborative Protocol's

Since March 1st, 2017, 372 ALS providers have attended the Midstate Collaborative Protocol Rollout and have passed the accompanying Protocol Test for their level of care. This number includes the ALS providers who were already standing at the time of the rollouts, as well as a handful of new comers to the region and newly carded ALS providers.

To date, there have been some learning points. From the hospital side, we've had a handful of discussions about the lack of IV's on "ALS patients." After years of ALS-ing a patient

EMS Clinical Coordinator
Melissa Lockwood EMT-P,

being defined as no less than, cardiac monitor and IV, the sudden arrival of patients without the IV was met with some concern. The acceptance of this way of treating our patients has gotten better. The understanding now is that the IV is still to established in anticipation of a fluid bolus or med administration but not attempted for "precaution only".

Also, the NYS BEMS and Trauma stated at spring SEMSCO meeting that the Collaborative Protocol's include both ALS and BLS direction. And, although the Collaborative Protocol's BLS section does not match the standing NYS BLS Protocols completely, BLS providers are able to follow protocols as they are listed in the Collaborative Protocols. This being said, the BLS administration of albuterol is no longer just for asthmatics. BLS providers can administer albuterol to patients with exacerbation of their COPD or who are experiencing Bronchospasm. Just remember, all administrations of albuterol by a BLS providers is tracked by the REMAC. Therefore, if you used it then please be sure to fill out and submit the QA form. Subsequently, if you are an agency who doesn't already carry REMAC approved albuterol for BLS providers, just jump on the Midstate website and download the application for Albuterol for BLS and get started!

New & Exciting

At the fall meeting, the SEMSCO and SEMAC approved the administration of epinephrine via IM injection by BLS providers. This new addition the BLS scope of practice allows agencies to replace the expensive epinephrine auto-injectors (and the previous alternative, Check-n-Inject) that their BLS providers use, with epinephrine 1:1000 vials and a 1cc syringe. In order to have your agency make this change, just go to the Midstate website and download the Midstate Syringe Epinephrine for Basic EMT's from the FORMS page.



Faxton-St. Luke's EMS Education Information



Tony Salce, Education Coordinator

In the blink of an eye, 2017 is gone. 2017 has been a great year in the Education Department here at Faxton-St. Luke's. We have completed 10 Basic Classes with 265 students completing and certified. Our Critical Care class finished in March of this year with 19 students certified as Critical Care Techs. Currently, our last Critical Care Class has a current enrollment of 23 Originals and 2 Refreshers. We are completing the first AEMT class with 13 students in December and our Paramedic program completed in June with 17 certified as NYS Paramedics.

We are pleased that our Paramedic Distance Learning program was approved, and Beta testing has been successful. Current attendance for the Paramedic program has been good with 33 current Originals and 2 Refreshers. Our on-line CME program remain solid and we are pleased with provider results and will continue in 2018 with our almost monthly CME recertification programs. In 2017, we have been providing quarterly National Registry BASIC EMT Practical Skills Examinations as the national requirements have changed in April of this year. This is an added benefit to students who wish a dual NYS and National Certification.

I am pleased to announce additions to our teaching team. This year we have added Anthony Arrigo as a CLI & CIC (intern), Hilary Rounds CLI, Dan Roeback CLI, Daniel Gigliotti CLI, John Barattini CIC, Jeff Jones CIC, Diane Howe CIC (intern), Darrell Hogan CLI(intern), and Melissa Lockwood CIC. In addition, with the implementation of the new Instructor Testing and requirements 10 Instructors have tested and passed the new CIC requirements. Nice Job by all!

Faxton-St. Luke's CME Coordinator



Leslie Myers, CIC
CME Coordinator

In order to participate in the on-line program you must:

- *Register for the class at midstateems.org
- *Bring verification of participation in the CME program.

REQUIREMENTS:

- *Agency must be registered with State Bureau of EMS (BEMS)
- *Participants of the agency must be registered with state
- *Provider card must be current.
- *All providers must complete 72 hours of Continuing Education over 3 year period
 - *Of that 72 there are mandatory core content hours
26 for EMT, 26 for A EMT, 36 for Critical Care, 48 for Paramedic
- *The core content hours must be taught by a CIC (state EMS Instructor).
- *EMS Education offers the core content hours thru an online program
- *This program is accessed thru the hospital Net Learning system

The Program:

- *One classroom session
- *Presentations on Net Learning
- *Tests at the end of each presentation
- *Module exams
- *Once all presentations and tests are successfully completed the state paperwork will be signed by the CIC and sent to you via mail.

Madison County EMS & Rescue Association



AEMT-Critical Care

Original and Refresher class will

Start December 5, 2017 and

Test December 20, 2018

Starts at 6:00 pm and will run till 10:00 pm

At Morrisville College

Bailey Hall

REGIONAL MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REMINDERS

Trauma & Pregnancy: Any pregnant trauma victim, meeting trauma criteria, will be directed to the Trauma Center at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Poison Control versus Medical Control: Patients who present to EMS with suspected or confirmed overdose should receive direction from Resource Medical Control. Resource will direct EMS based on the type of exposure or ingestion the appropriate course of EMS action.

*Best Wishes to
All Providers and
Families for a safe a
Happy Holiday Season.*