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Idaho EMS for Children (EMSC) 2017 Pediatric Provider of the Year

A big congratulations to **Bart Buckendorf** from Ada County Paramedics, on receiving the first annual **2017 Pediatric Provider of the Year Award**. He has demonstrated exceptional efforts in improving pediatric care and patient outcomes. Bart also started the ABC's of Safe Infant Sleep (babies should be **A**lone, on their **B**ack, and in a **C**rib).

We appreciate those who took the time to nominate an exceptional pediatric provider. We will be accepting nominations for 2018, so stay tuned.

For more information contact Xenya Poole at (208) 334-4000 or xenya.poole@dhw.idaho.gov.



Bill 1083 Signed Establishing Idaho Emergency Communications Officers

Bill 1083 was signed amending and adding to existing law to provide standards of training, education and certification for emergency communications officers by the Idaho Peace Officer's Standards and Training Council (POST).

Emergency communications officers deal daily with life or death matters in a rapidly evolving and highly stressful environment. They must be familiar with highly complex information and work with highly expensive equipment. They are the lifeline for our first responders and citizenry.

The cost to local entities (who overwhelmingly supported this bill) is minimal because the training may be obtained online or through a POST Basic Dispatch Academy. POST's administrative costs will be covered through an Idaho Public Utilities grant and the 911 fee obtained through the emergency communications statutes.



**IDAHO TIME SENSITIVE
EMERGENCY SYSTEM**
TRAUMA | STROKE | STEMI

Since January 2016, the TSE program has received 34 designation applications for either trauma, stroke, or STEMI centers. The TSE Council has approved and designated 22 facilities based on those applications! We are currently reviewing opportunities to provide the following : Rural Trauma Team Development Courses, Stop the Bleed Campaign, and EMS focused trauma, stroke and STEMI education. Contact Christian Surjan at (208) 334-4000 or (877) 554-3367 for more information.



FirstNet

Governor Otter has proclaimed that Idaho will deploy an interoperable broadband network, FirstNet. FirstNet is the first public safety nationwide, interoperable broadband network to provide first responders with advanced communication, expanded capacity and coverage, and collaboration technologies.

EMS agencies need to be involved with their local District Interoperability Governance Boards (DIGB's) to assure that their coverage needs are being met. For more information go to <https://firstnet.idaho.gov>

4th Annual Summer Preparedness Summit



The Public Health Preparedness and Response Program (PHPR) held its 4th Annual Summer Preparedness Summit in Boise on July 18-20, 2017. The seven Public Health Districts (PHD) presented highlights of preparedness-related training and exercises, continuity of operations, recovery planning, maintaining a Medical Reserve Corps cadre, preparation for the total solar eclipse, and workshops to educate hospitals, health care providers, and suppliers about the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Emergency Preparedness Rule, effective on November 16, 2017. Other topics included legal and practical issues associated with public health

orders, disaster declarations impacting 30 of Idaho's counties since December of 2016, Ada County's response to the Boise River's 100 days above flood stage this year, and resources available through the National Ebola Training and Education Center, and the Region regarding the state-to-state process if Idaho transports a patient from an Ebola Assessment Hospital to one of the nine Regional Treatment Centers.



Provider Licenses		
	Initial	Renewal
EMR	20	16
EMT	254	333
AEMT	34	149
Paramedic	38	244
Total	346	742

Idaho EMS Vital Statistics (April 2017 - September 2017)

Agency Licensure Report	
New	5
Retired	0
Idaho Licensed Agencies	182

Written Exams		
	Passed	Tested
EMR	68%	56
EMT	71%	471
AEMT	78%	46
Paramedic	73%	15

Investigation Totals			
	Agency	Provider	Education
Open Cases	4	3	1
Closed Cases	4	1	0
New Cases	4	2	0

Provider IGEMS Status			
	Claimed Accounts	Unclaimed Accounts	Total Licensed
Providers	2847	1922	4769

60% of licensed providers have claimed or created an account in IGEMS to date.

On-Line Rural Training Initiative (ORTI)

In an effort to improve healthcare access in rural areas, Idaho's ORTI EMS course provides qualifying EMS Education Programs funding through grants for classroom and online resources at the EMR, EMT and AEMT levels. The Program overview and ORTI application can be found on the main page or education section at IdahoEMS.org.

The grant cycle will run through March 30, 2018.



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EMS Physician Commission (EMSPC)

The commission held a successful Medical Director Roundtable in McCall this year, and another is planned for Rexburg in 2018. In August, Commissioners approved revisions of the standards manual to better define certified critical care providers in relation to critical care transfer personnel requirements. For more information on this and other approved motions, visit IdahoEMS.org->Physician Commission page-> Meetings tab for minutes.

EMS Advisory Committee (EMSAC)

EMSAC will now coordinate their meetings with the EMS Physician Commission. EMSAC will meet the day before each of the EMSPC meetings the second week of February, May, August, and November. EMSAC held a strategic planning meeting in August, developing goals with assigned subcommittees to build strong working relationships with the EMSPC and with Idaho communities. For more information on this and other approved motions, visit IdahoEMS.org->EMSAC page-> EMSAC Minutes by date.

EMS Rules Update

New Rules Governing EMS Account III Grants will be taken to the Board of Health & Welfare this year and the 2018 Legislature now that the 2017 Town Hall meetings input has been collected.

Any questions regarding the changes please contact John Cramer at (208) 334-4000, john.cramer@dhw.idaho.gov or Visit IdahoEMS.org ->What's New -> GRANT RULES- Draft.

Hails and Farewells

Welcome: Brenda Gully, Melissa Ball, Jessica Sur, Brad Ronge, McKensie Stanton

Farewells: Bruce Cheeseman, Chris Rogers, Chuck Cutler, Taisha Gainor, Earl Stonebraker, Tauscha Huerta, Erin Szymoniak

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Idaho Gateway for EMS (IGEMS)
Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Time Sensitive Emergencies
TRAIN Idaho

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<i>Fiscal Year 2018 Dedicated Grant Report Out</i>	
Total \$ Amount Awarded:	\$1,400,000.00
Total # of Agencies Awarded:	59
Total Vehicle Awards:	7
Vehicle Funds:	\$700,000.00
Total Equipment Awards:	57
Equipment Funds:	\$700,000.00
Total # of Agencies Requesting:	64
Total Vehicle Requests:	17
Total Equipment Requests:	114
Total Amount Requested:	\$2,944,433.68

FROM THE BUREAU CHIEF

Greetings,

When our spring newsletter was sent out we were coming out of "Snowmageddon", the winter of 2016/17, facing significant flooding and planning for the solar eclipse. I mentioned the summer of 2017 was likely going to be busy, and it did not disappoint, but it was also very productive!

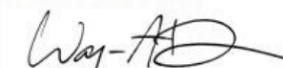
I'd like to start off by thanking all of you who participated in the planning that happened across the state in preparation for the solar eclipse. As you all know, the eclipse turned out to be much less of an issue than we feared, but the planning opportunity that preceded the event was incredibly valuable. I heard from several of you that the local pre-event planning provided you with a venue to engage with response partners in ways that have previously not been possible. A waste of time? Not at all! We are much better prepared to respond to large scale emergencies now than we were a year ago and that is well worth the effort. Again, thanks to everyone that pitched in and made the planning and response such a success!

If you didn't hear, Idaho State Emergency Communications "StateComm" celebrated its 40th anniversary in October. Paul Anderson (Idaho's first EMS Bureau Chief) "flipped the switch" on StateComm in October of 1977! It has evolved and grown a lot since then, but the fact remains that our team is always there when you need them, day or night, 24/7, 365 days a year. Thanks to Michele and the team for putting together an anniversary event this past month. It was a very special day. Several EMS providers with deep roots in Idaho EMS attended and were able to catch up with our very special guest, Paul Anderson. Special thanks to Ryan Harbert (Emergency Communications Specialist) for creating several videos that tell the history and commemorate the 40th anniversary of StateComm. If you would like to view the videos, please go to our website Idahoems.org and click on the State Communications tile in the middle of the page and then click the "StateComm 40th Anniversary Tribute Videos". If you have ever wondered what all the StateComm team handles, I encourage you to watch the videos!

We had a great round of "Chats with the Chief" this summer. I can't express how valuable it is to us to have an opportunity to spend a couple of hours in a focused conversation with Idaho EMS providers. We learn a lot from those conversations and it helps us stay connected to what is working and what isn't. Thank you to all who hosted and attended! Stay tuned for the summer 2018 round of chats. We will start planning those sometime between now and when the snow melts. If you'd like to host, please let us know.

The EMS personnel licensure interstate compact (REPLICA) now has 12 member states. If you remember, I mentioned in previous newsletters that REPLICA needed to have 10 states in order to be active. The member states are: Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming. The governing council for REPLICA met in October for the first time. We were able to complete the foundational work for the compact and charted a plan to continue moving forward. Our next meeting is in February in Tennessee. You can get more information on REPLICA by visiting www.emsreplica.org.

I'll close by thanking each of you for all you do. Please take time to enjoy the holiday season, stay safe and I hope to see you soon!



Bureau Chief, EMSP

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