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To: All Emergency Medical Dispatchers, Emergency Medical Responders, EMTs, EMT-Intermediates, Advanced EMTs, Paramedics, Executives, Chiefs, Directors, Supervisors, and Administrators

cc: Medical Control Board Physicians & Office of the Medical Director Staff

Re: National EMS Week, May 21-27, 2023



Congratulations to each emergency medical services professional in our EMS system on the occasion of 2023's National EMS Week, a week that recognizes the essential and heroic service you provide each and every week! This marks the 49th Anniversary of EMS Week!

On behalf of the Medical Control Board and the Office of the Medical Director, we are honored to recognize and thank you for your willing sacrifices in serving the citizens and visitors depending upon our EMS system. The national theme of 2023's EMS Week is EMS Week: Where Emergency Care Begins. This is so appropriate when looking at how instrumental YOUR care is for emergency illness (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and/or trauma (initiating whole blood transfusion) as just two examples. Our EMS system's team is over 2700, unified in the mission of caring for our communities through optimal EMS care whenever and wherever patients need it most. That is undoubtedly a challenge every week and we are continually inspired by your abilities and dedication in meeting that challenge.

Last year, our EMS system responded to over 251,000 calls, again making ours one of the busiest in the United States and beyond. Your commitment to excellence in prehospital medicine definitely defines our collective success in beginning emergency care for the over 190,000 patients last year, making a positive impact on their health, both acute and chronic conditions, and across the whole spectrum of illness and injury.

The Office of the Medical Director staff and we hope to see as many of you as possible this week. Please accept this communication as the following: 1) a personal and sincere thank you for your fine work, and 2) an invitation to directly hear from you, what we can do even better to serve our patients and very importantly, to serve you as you serve patients.

Keep up your enthusiasm, your commitment, your pride, your strength, and your caring! With respect & sincere appreciation for difficult, meaningful work done extremely well,

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