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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 19 – 25, 2024



Congratulations to each emergency medical services professional in our EMS system on this historic 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National EMS Week, a week that recognizes the essential and heroic service you provide each and every week! As an emergency physician that is very involved in leadership service within the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), I am delighted to share with each of you that my ACEP colleagues across the United States are joined by the American College of Surgeons – Committee on Trauma and the National Association of EMTs as key partners in advocating for EMS support and recognition. ACEP started the nationwide organization of activities for EMS Week upon President Gerald Ford's declaration in 1974 and has been steadfastly in your corner in all of the 49 years that have followed.

On behalf of the Medical Control Board and the Office of the Medical Director, we are honored to recognize and thank you for your selfless service to citizens and visitors depending upon our EMS system. The national theme of 2024's EMS Week is "EMS Week: Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future." This is an excellent choice for remembering where we have come over this half century, while importantly challenging ourselves to continue to identify the absolute best care available that we can provide.

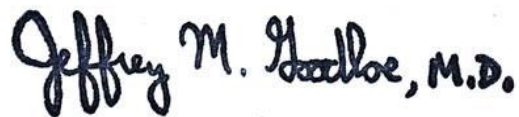
Whole blood administrations, nearly sixty now in metropolitan Oklahoma City in the past 17 months and coming to metropolitan Tulsa on July 1<sup>st</sup> is just one of many advances for which our EMS system is recognized as a national leader and role model. YOUR care is a big part of our system's success daily. Our EMS system's team is 2700 strong, 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 267,500 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 approximately 200,000 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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