

BUCKS COUNTY EMS NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2005

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

2005, a new year and a new start. I would like to introduce myself. My name is Jeryl DeGideo and as of October 4, 2004, I am the new EHS Director of Bucks. I am sure some of you know me and some do not. I have been in Bucks County Emergency Services since 1987.

I would like to thank the entire Bucks County EHS Staff for holding things together while they had no director. Deb, Amy, Heather, Michele, Larry, Jason, and John S. continued to offer all the services our office provides without any interruption to the squads or providers. This is testimony enough that they truly care about our system. I also would like to personally thank them for the direction and support they are providing to me on a daily basis. You guys are the best!

Stay warm and stay safe.

COIC

From Larry: I have done four BLS protocol classes throughout the county in 2004. The BLS protocols went into effect September 1, 2004. All providers (even ALS providers) are responsible for the BLS protocols. I have found most providers have not read and do not know the protocols. The statewide BLS protocols are on the PA Department of Health website: www.dsf.health.state.pa.us.

Reminder: When immobilizing a patient to a backboard be sure to secure the lower body mass to the backboard with some type of strapping mechanism i.e. Spider straps, backboard straps, etc.

DATA COLLECTION

Pinpoint is the new data collection software that is replacing KEMS. It has been in use since September 2004. There are still minor issues that need to be worked out, but we are progressing.

TRAINING/CON-ED

BLS con-ed reports - we are required to mail them once a year. We mail them every January. If you have taken a con-ed class that is not on your report, you need to contact the sponsor/instructor and find out the status of the con-ed paperwork.

ALS con-ed reports – we are required to mail them twice a year. We mail them in June/July and again in September/October.

CPR cards – If your con-ed report indicates that the CPR regulatory requirement has not been met, please forward a current card to our office. They can be faxed to 215-957-0765. All providers are responsible for submitting a current card to our office.

Learning Management System (LMS) – The State has a website where you can complete con-ed courses. You need to subscribe to it through our office. There is a link on our website called LMS. After you complete the registration form, it will be routed to our office and then forwarded to the State. You will receive a confirmation email from the State in 5-7 business days. After you complete a course, print the certificate and forward to our office so the credits can be applied to your certification.

Con-ed Cards – When completing con-ed cards, please remember the following:

- 1) Registration No. – Enter a 1, then your certification number, then your certification level (levels are on the back of the con-ed card)
- 2) Inst. Hrs. – Students should fill in all zeros. Do not leave this blank.
- 3) County Code – This should be the code for the county you LIVE in. The sponsor/instructor of the course should have these codes.

WEBSITE

Please refer to our website, www.bcehc.org for information on courses, protocols, licensure, etc.

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