Recognizing Regional EMS Agencies for Their Pediatric Care Readiness

The EMMCO West Quality Improvement and Regional Medical Advisory Committees are pleased to introduce a voluntary recognition program for licensed EMS agencies to participate in. The Pennsylvania's Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program has been implemented in an effort to ensure that all children in the Commonwealth receive the best possible prehospital emergency medical care. EMS agencies are recognized under this program for showing significant dedication to providing excellence in pediatric emergency medical care.

- **Goals** -
- **Encourage all licensed EMS agencies in the EMMCO West region to become recognized to at least the "basic" recognition level by December 31, 2021**
- **EMS agency recognition for regional quality improvement awards must include at least a basic level pediatric recognition**
- **EMMCO West to offer pediatric education programming at its annual regional education symposium**

5 Levels of Recognition

This multi-faceted program currently has five levels, each building on the previous:

• **Basic**—Pediatric-specific equipment. Based on federal guidance, EMS agencies must carry all recommended pediatric-specific equipment on each of their licensed vehicles.

• **Intermediate**—ChildLine child abuse background clearances. In order to prevent criminal acts against children, all agency EMS providers must have a child abuse background check on file.

• **Advanced**—Continuing education hours. To improve knowledge of the unique medical needs of children, EMS providers must complete four hours of pediatric-specific continuing education annually.

• **Master**—Community Outreach programs and a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator. EMS agencies demonstrating excellence in pediatric care also share a responsibility to provide education, injury

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To download Pediatric Recognition Application Form & Equipment Form

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prevention initiatives, and outreach within their community. A Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator will assist the agency in being prepared for and responding to calls for service involving pediatric patients through areas that can include Education and Training, Quality Improvement, Community Engagement and Preparedness and Clinical Care.

• **Expert**—Child Passenger Safety Technicians. EMS agencies must have at least one CPS Technician at the agency, have regular car seat check hours, and host at least one larger open public event per year.

Questions??? Call 814-337-5380 or bill@emmco.org Bill McClincy, Executive Director

Regional EMS Agencies Recognized As Of April 2021

Master Level-
A.F.Dobler Hose and Ladder Co.
Kuhl Hose Company
North Shenango VFD
Springboro VFD Ambulance

Expert Level -
EmergyCare
Superior Ambulance Service

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EMS Funding Assistance Available

There are additional adjuncts and equipment that EMS agencies will need to meet the basic recognition level. To assist EMS agencies attain the additional equipment, EMMCO West will act as a group purchasing agent for regional EMS agencies seeking this voluntary recognition.

Complete a survey for regional EMS agencies regarding their participation in this initiative.

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