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*ED Nurse Managers If you haven't completed the KYEMSC assessment on Interfacility Transfer Agreements and Guidelines - [CLICK HERE](#) - Deadline August 17th!*

# Regional Healthcare Coalitions - Why Should My EMS Agency Participate?

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The Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) was created in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and the subsequent anthrax attacks, to build hospital capacity to respond to bioterrorism incidents. In successive years, the program focus shifted to an all-hazards, capability-based approach to include all members of the healthcare system –EMS agencies, emergency management, public health, long term care, behavioral health, etc.

Since 2002, the Department for Public Health has received HPP funding, with a significant portion of that funding being allocated to the Regional Healthcare Coalitions (HCC) across the state. The membership of these coalitions has evolved as the program focus shifted to a whole community approach.

Although many EMS agencies have been long-standing members, with the newly released “2017-2022 Healthcare Preparedness and Response Capabilities”, EMS agencies are now considered a core member of the HCC.

The purpose of the Hospital Preparedness Program is to prepare the healthcare delivery system to save lives during emergencies and disaster events that exceed the day-to-day capacity and capability of existing health and emergency response systems. This is accomplished through the development of HCCs that incentivize diverse and often competing healthcare organizations, with differing priorities and objectives, to work together. HCCs provide members with many benefits. Those benefits related to EMS can best be summarized by the EMS agencies who are members of HCCs across the state.

## Kentucky's Healthcare Coalition Regions



*"All of the coalitions are beginning to work on their budgets; to be considered, EMS needs to be part of the process."*

- Brad Learn

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

KY Hospital Association



### EMS coordination: Healthcare coalitions provide organized cooperation

Healthcare coalitions offer EMS a "seat at the table" for regional emergency planning

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[Read the article on EMS1.com](#)



### AAP influenza immunization recommendations revised for 2018-'19 season

There are new recommendations for the upcoming 2018-'19 influenza season.

[Read the article on AAP Publications!](#)

**AHA Releases "Educational Strategies to Improve**

# Outcomes From Cardiac Arrest”



The American Heart Association (AHA) recently released a scientific statement that provides a thorough review of the evidence supporting specific educational and knowledge translation strategies that have the greatest potential to improve provider performance and outcomes from cardiac arrest.

While the focus is on cardiac arrest care, the principles and suggestions discussed apply broadly to acute care and resuscitation education.

View the full statement [HERE](#)

View highlights [HERE](#)

Find infographics [HERE](#)

## Upcoming Conferences, Meetings, Educational Opportunities



### Free online EMS continuing education!

Check out the University of Colorado School of Medicine program on Abuse Recognition.

It is 2 hours of continuing education credit that will be accepted here in KY. If you complete your profile with your KY certification number, you will receive a certificate that includes the KYEMSC-TEI approval number.

This course does NOT fulfill the KY PAHT requirement but it is a great supplement to improve your ability to differentiate signs of physical abuse from accidental injury.

Not a lecture! You will go through 115 cases with a synopsis of the reported mechanism and pictures of injuries. The program asks if this case is potentially abuse or likely not. You will get better as you go through the program! Here is the link:

<http://www.identifychildabuse.org/index.php>

**Lake Cumberland Healthcare Symposium**  
**August 23-24, 2018**

Find more information [HERE!](#)

Continuing Education Units provided to: EMR / EMT / AEMT / Paramedic / LPN / RN / RT / Firefighter

Lake Cumberland State Park

5465 State Park Road

Jamestown, KY 42629



September 18-21, 2018  
Lexington Convention Center

Since 1990 the Kentucky EMS Conference and Expo has been the largest continuous EMS conference in Kentucky state history. Presented by the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association, the conference brings all EMS groups together with the common goal of presenting our EMS providers with the best EMS education available in the state.

[Schedule and Registration Information](#)

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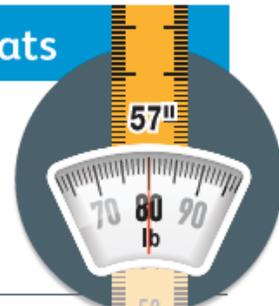
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# What to Know about Booster Seats

Booster seats protect children who are too big for a car seat but too small for a seat belt.

Seat belts don't fit children properly until they are **at least 57" (4'9") tall and weigh between 80 and 100 pounds.**



Motor vehicle crashes are the second-leading cause of death for children 4 to 10 years old.

**340** children this age died in motor vehicle crashes in 2012.



**1/3** of these children were riding without a restraint that could have saved their lives.

Although seat belts are safer than nothing at all, children who should be in booster seats but wear only seat belts are at risk of **severe abdominal, head and spinal injuries** in the event of a crash.



Booster seats can **reduce the risk** of serious injury by 45 percent compared to seat belts alone.



Safe Kids Worldwide surveyed 1,000 parents of 4 to 10 year olds. The study found **seven in ten parents do not know** that a child should be at least 57 inches (4'9") to ride in a car using a seat belt without a booster seat.



The study revealed 9 out of 10 parents move their child from a booster seat to seat belt **before their child is big enough.**



One in five parents whose children carpool say they **"bend the rules"** when driving, letting children ride without seat belts and without the car seat or booster seat they would normally use.



And **61 percent of parents say they notice other carpool drivers** bending the rules.

**Buckle up every ride, every time, in the right seat.**

REMEMBER: A child needs to be at least 57" tall (4'9") and weigh between 80 and 100 pounds to ride with just a seat belt.

**SAFE KIDS**  
WORLDWIDE™

Learn more at [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)

Download this infographic and other safety tip sheets at [Safe Kids Worldwide](http://Safe Kids Worldwide).

## Contact Info for KY EMS for Children

A federal and state partnership grant held by the KY Board of EMS

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