



KID STUFF



KYEMSC Completed An Important Statewide Assessment

A huge **Thank You** goes out to our EMS agencies for their participation in the KY EMS for Children's EMS Agency Assessment. We were able to achieve a 100% response rate with all 168 ground transport services who respond to 911 calls completing the survey!

This assessment will establish our baseline for our new federal performance measures and provide guidance to EMSC activities for the next several years. It will also help us understand the current capabilities of agencies in our state to treat ill or injured children and identify opportunities for improvement.

Over the next weeks and months, we may have follow-up information to share with you that will be disseminated in multiple ways, including additional email communications.

We will use the contact list from the survey to generate a random order list of agencies for the prizes that were offered for participation. Agencies who "win" the items will be contacted shortly. Several agencies will receive either a Quantum ACR4 or a Ferno Pedi-Mate Plus, and numerous others will receive 2017 Broselow tapes.

The KYEMSC Voluntary EMS Pediatric Recognition Program is Accepting Applications.

Many EMS Agencies in Kentucky are willing to go above and beyond the minimum requirements so that they are ready to provide high quality pediatric



emergency care. Because pediatric patients are different in many ways from our adult patients, and we see a smaller number of critically ill and injured children, it is even more important to put extra effort into being prepared to care for them when it matters most.

This program will honor EMS Agencies who meet established criteria, beyond regulatory requirements, which are designed to improve the agency's capabilities to deliver care to pediatric patients.

We want the leaders in our profession who have demonstrated a commitment to caring for this vulnerable population to receive the recognition that they deserve from both the public and their peers.

You can download the program handbook [HERE](#) and start planning today!

September is Preparedness Month

You Have the Power to Prepare

Throughout September, CDC and more than 3000 organizations—national, regional, and local governments, as well as private and public organizations—will support emergency preparedness efforts and encourage Americans to take action.

The CDC has numerous resources for your personal use or to use in your department's outreach efforts: checklists for first aid kits, infographics for social media, coloring books for kids, even materials to help you prepare for a zombie apocalypse!

Check out their website [HERE](#) for more information.



AAP Issues Flu Vaccine Recommendations for 2017-2018

The flu vaccine should be given to everyone 6 months and older, as it is the best option for protection during the upcoming season, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. The annual flu vaccine significantly reduces a child's risk of severe influenza and death.

[Go to the AAP Press Release.](#)

Articles of Interest

Douglas F. Kupas, MD, EMT-P, FAEMS, FACEP "[Lights and Siren Use by Emergency Medical Services \(EMS\): Above All Do No Harm](#)"

In a whitepaper released this summer, EMS physician, paramedic and Pennsylvania EMS Medical Director

Douglas Kupas, MD, takes an evidence-based approach to examining the controversial issue of using lights and sirens in EMS response and transport. The report discusses the impact of emergency lights and sirens driving on response and transport time, safety, public perception and patient outcome.

Download the full report at ems.gov

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Gatlinburg Fire Chief Greg Miller
EMS artist Steve Berry
Steve Wirth of Page, Wolfberg & Wirth, LLC
New Orleans EMS Deputy Chief of Operations Ken Bouvier, as seen on television
Allen Wolfe, Director of Clinical Education for Air Methods
Keith Douglas, Chief of Sumner County EMS

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2017 KENTUCKY STATEWIDE Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium

Oct. 11 to 13, 2017
7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Louisville Marriott Downtown
280 W. Jefferson St.
Louisville, Kentucky

This program will provide up-to-date information for health care professionals seeking innovative approaches of providing optimal care for trauma and emergent care patients. Topics will include disaster preparedness, human trafficking, acquired brain injury and concussions, geriatric trauma, emergent pediatric burn care and more.

Target audience: Physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, respiratory therapists, radiology technicians, pharmacists, trauma registrars and other allied health care professionals who provide care for trauma, emergency and critical care patients.

Continuing education credits will be provided.

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Bound Tree University offers free online CEUs for EMTs and Paramedics. The courses have been accredited by EMS1 Academy, a CAPCE accredited organization.

They offer two pediatric courses: Pediatric Shortness of Breath and Safe Transport of the Pediatric Patient, along with 8 other classes.

[Bound Tree University Classroom](#)

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year for kids, but Safe Kids' research* shows some scary statistics on Halloween safety.

Only **1/3** OF PARENTS talk to their kids annually about Halloween, although 3/4 report having Halloween safety fears.



On average, **TWICE AS MANY CHILD PEDESTRIANS** are killed while walking on Halloween compared to other days of the year.



Only **18%** of parents use reflective tape on their children's Halloween costumes.

12%

of children five years of age or younger are permitted to trick-or-treat alone.



Talk with your goblins about Halloween safety, and how simple precautions can make it a fun and safe night for kids of all ages. For additional safety tips, please visit SafeKids.org/Halloween

Children under 12 should trick-or-treat and **CROSS STREETS WITH AN ADULT**



ALWAYS WALK ON SIDEWALKS OR PATHS

if there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the side as possible.



Cross the street at corners, **USING TRAFFIC SIGNALS** and crosswalks. Parents should remind children to watch for cars that are turning or backing up.



DRIVERS SHOULD SLOW DOWN and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.



SAFE KIDS WORLDWIDE

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*Mickalide, AD, Rosenthal, KM, Donahue, MP. Halloween Safety: A National Survey of Parents' Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behaviors. Washington (DC): Safe Kids Worldwide, October 2011.

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

Contact Info for KY EMS for Children

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

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Ideas or submissions for future editions are welcome!

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