



Emergency Medical Services Division **OCTOBER REPORT**

EMS Events

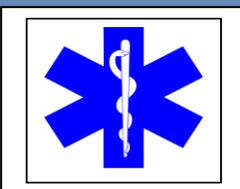
- Medic hire back for COD football games
- Medic hire back for Benedictine University football games
- Medic stand-by for Lisle HS football games
- Medic stand-by for Benet Academy football games
- Medic stand-by for Glenbard South football games

Training Topics

EHEMSS Training:
-Stroke

EMS Coordinators Meeting

Emerging Issues Subcommittee Meeting



EMS Bureau Chief Retires



This month we said good bye to EMS Bureau Chief Doug Skotnicki. Doug has retired after serving 25 years with the district. He had served the last 8 years in the EMS Division. He was a great asset to the division and his presence will be missed. Doug has not gone far though. He has accepted a position at Edward Hospital as the EMS and Emergency Preparedness Manager. He will still be very involved with the

department and all aspects of EMS.

With the absence of Doug, the EMS Division will have an interim EMS Coordinator. James Weaver will assume that position. He has been on the department for 14 years and has been working part-time in the EMS Division for the past 8 years.

Thank you Doug for your service and good luck!

Infection Control – Seasonal Influenza (flu)

What is Influenza (flu)? Influenza is a respiratory illness that infects the nose, throat and lungs. Common symptoms of Influenza are: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches and fatigue. These symptoms vary from mild to severe and at times can lead to other complications that cause death.

Influenza is spread mainly through microscopic droplets when an infected person talks, coughs or sneezes.

These droplets are then picked up by surrounding people when they land in their mouth or nose. It also can be transmitted by touching an object or surface that has the virus on it. If a person touches the infected object and then touches their nose or mouth, they have just transferred the virus and potentially caused an infection.

Flu seasons are unpredictable and can be severe. Flu related deaths are in the thousands each year.

There are a number of ways to prevent getting the flu. The number one way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine every year. All employees of the district are encouraged to get the vaccination at no charge to the employee.

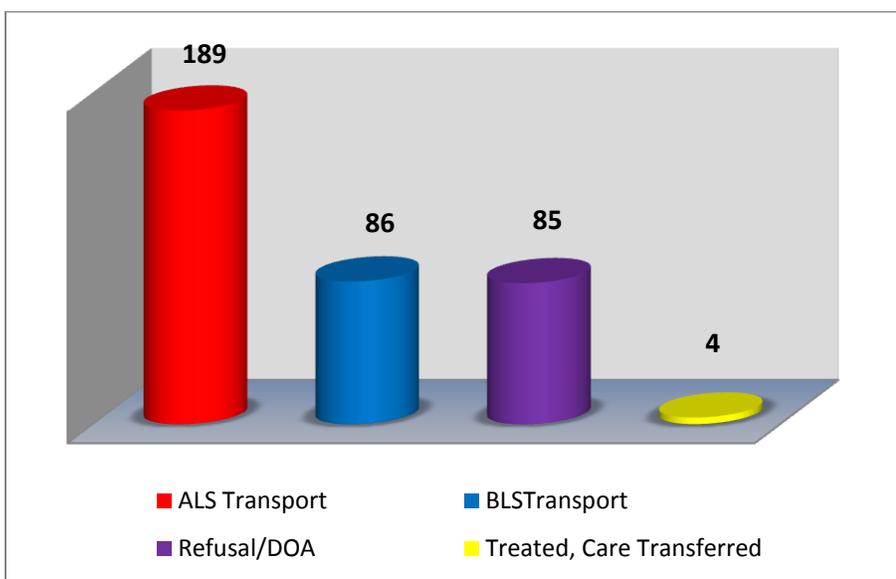
Common misconceptions of the flu vaccine are that it causes you to get sick after you get the shot. The vaccine contains an attenuated or killed virus; it cannot cause an illness.

For more information on the flu, go to www.cdc.gov

Top 5 Incident Types

Traffic Accidents	70
Sick Person	43
Psychiatric/Suicide Attempt	37
Fall/Back Injury	31
Breathing Problems	23

Treatment Summary

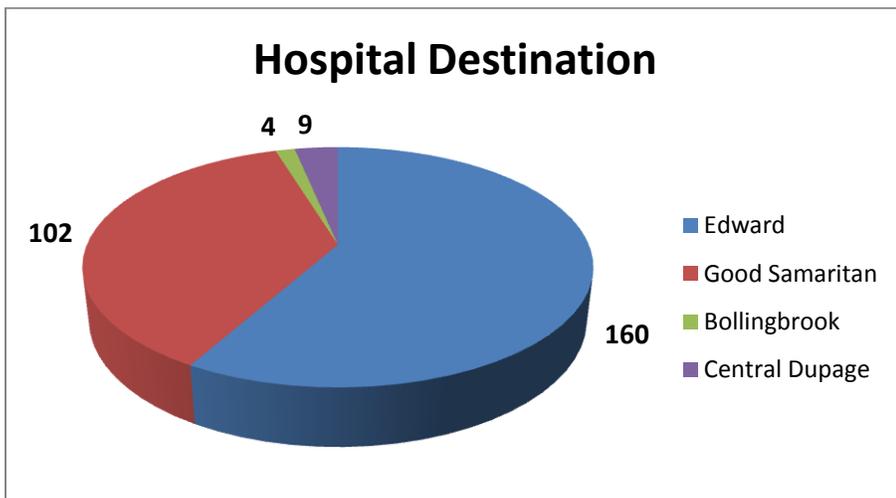


Total number of transports for October: 364

Our primary type of transport remains ALS. Our Paramedics treated and transported 189 ALS and 86 BLS calls. In addition to that, they obtained 85 refusals.

We responded and transported 5 times for other towns. In return we had 4 Treated/Care transferred.

Hospital Destination



Edward Hospital remains our primary transport hospital with 160 of 275 transports.