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EMS NEWSLETTER

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St. Elizabeth EMT Graduation 2025



Congratulations to the 29 new EMT Graduates

Labor and Delivery FAQ

Labor and Delivery is on Pulsara! Notifications sent under the “obstetrics” notification will not be delivered to the iPad at the ED charge desk, but connect straight with L&D. If for some reason L&D wants you to go to the ED, they will communicate that with you through Pulsara, and they will notify the ED that you will be stopping there.

FAQ's:

Gestational age, ED vs. L&D: The cutoff for gestational age is 15 weeks. If under 15 weeks, the patient will be seen in the ED. If over 15 weeks, the patient will go straight to L&D.

Where will the patient go if they are involved in an MVC, fall etc., and have no physical complaints, but only want the baby to be checked out? These patients will go straight to L&D if over 15 weeks' gestation.

Where will patients go if they require simple treatment of traumatic injuries? These patients will be seen in the ED first and then transferred to L&D if necessary.

What if they are pregnant, and have a medical complaint that is not related to pregnancy? (Chest Pain, non-eclamptic seizure, migraine etc.) These patients will be seen in the ED. It is important to note that you would not want to send an “obstetrics” notification on Pulsara for these patients. Instead send the appropriate categorized notification so that it reaches the Edgewood charge nurse, and not routed straight to L&D.

EMS Documentation

Documentation is the key for visualization of what occurred during any EMS run. This is taught in EMT and Paramedic classes; at least the importance of it is discussed. Perfecting your run report documentation should be a goal for every provider. Many of us as providers are precepted, and it behooves your preceptor to assure you are painting the picture of your scene, your treatment and changes during transport. There are many reasons: continuity of care, professionalism, legal reasons and billing. The attached article does a great job describing the importance of documenting a clear and concise run report every time you make a run.

[Common EMS Run Report Mistakes to Avoid - Ricky Rescue Training Academy](#)

St. Elizabeth Healthcare Medical Control

Have you ever wondered who is on the other end when you call in for medical control direction?

Many of the Doctors who work in the Emergency Rooms are active on the Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Protocol committee ensuring a standard of care across the community. The organization emphasizes teamwork and collaboration to support the regional EMS community by providing high-quality patient care through collaborative educational programming, medical direction and communications. The St. Elizabeth Emergency Department serves as a base station for paramedics in the field, with Emergency Room Physicians available by radio or phone to provide medical advice, approve medication orders, direct resuscitation and end-of-life efforts and clarify protocols for EMS agencies throughout Northern Kentucky. As part of their commitment to excellence in pre-hospital care, St. Elizabeth Healthcare strives to provide EMS partners with the education and tools necessary to deliver seamless patient care, through monthly educational offerings and coordinating with SETEC for excellent high-fidelity simulations.

St. Elizabeth implements a quality assurance process designed to improve the quality of care and utilize modern communication tools like Pulsara as a bi-directional communication platform. We are happy to provide feedback and patient follow-up whenever the request is made to help aid in your QA processes.

EMS Leadership: Odin Morris EMS Director, Ohio Co EMS (IN)



What core leadership qualities do you believe are most essential for success in EMS, and how have you cultivated them in your career?

"The core leadership qualities that I believe are most essential for success in EMS are good communication, respect for your employees and good decision-making skills. These are all qualities that you can build as a provider and continue building while you move into leadership. I have cultivated these skills throughout my career by watching other leaders in the profession and learning from their successes and their mistakes, and I continue to do this as a leader. I always try to remember that I was in my employees' shoes at one time and that helps me continue to improve my leadership qualities."

In what ways has EMS leadership evolved over the years, and what changes do you believe are still needed with a younger generation of EMS professionals entering the field?

"EMS Leadership today, especially in Southeastern Indiana, is completely different from what it looked like when I first started my career. When I began in EMS, many departments were still volunteer and had volunteer leadership. Today, most departments have shifted to full-time, paid leadership.

There are still many changes that need to be made within EMS leadership. I believe that we, as leaders, do not focus enough on the future of our departments. We need to change the mindset of quantity over quality and focus our efforts on developing excellent providers in our departments."

Ohio County is working on becoming an MIH provider, what's your role been in this so far.

"Ohio County is in the process of starting our MIH Program. We are excited to begin this new journey and are working through the steps.

My role in establishing this program has been varying so far. I have worked with State and Local officials to develop the program, but I have handed off the operations side to our newly appointed MIH Coordinator. My role will primarily be on the back end of things, assisting our Coordinator."

What advice would you give to EMS professionals who want to grow into leadership roles?

"If I could only give one piece of advice to providers looking to move into leadership roles, it would be to develop yourself as much as possible. Take every class that you can take and learn from the good providers but also learn from the good leaders around you. Ensure that you are the best provider that you can be and fill yourself with knowledge. A good leader in EMS is one that remembers they were the rookie once."

Educational Opportunities



January: Delivery Complications and Newborn Resuscitation.



February: Unique Cases in Emergency Care.



Past Presentations - YouTube

Regional EMS Meeting Days: Jan. 14, 2026, March 11, 2026, May 13, 2026, July 8, 2026.

Recognition

St. Elizabeth EMS Outreach Proudly Recognizes:

Crews of the Quarter: Edgewood ED- Erlanger FD, Florence ED- Burlington FPD, Dearborn ED- PTS/FirstCare, Ft. Thomas ED- Bellevue/Dayton FPD, Covington ED- Covington Fire.

Successful Resuscitation and STEMI Save

(Neurologically intact to Discharge): Southgate Fire November 2025. Central Campbell Fire December 2025.

DTN Recognitions: Independence Fire District September 2025. Fire Department Bellview/Dayton Oct 2025 Independence Fire District again November 2025.

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