



## August 26, 2009 Edition

Hello South Carolina EMS,

Welcome to the SC EMS Data Dashboard. This bi-monthly email update is coming to you from the SC Division of EMS and Trauma and the EMS Performance Improvement Center (EMSPIC).

*This information is also available at [www.SCEMSData.org](http://www.SCEMSData.org)*

## **NOW AVAILABLE – EMS Response Time Toolkit**

**The EMS Performance Improvement Toolkits are here!!!!**

The EMS Toolkits are very detailed reports focusing on specific service delivery and patient care topics within EMS. The EMS Response Time Toolkit is now online and can be generated by EMS Agency Directors, Primary Contacts, and Medical Directors through the reports section of CIS. The remaining 5 EMS Toolkits will be introduced, one at a time, over the next 4 months.

The EMS Response Time Toolkit is a comprehensive analysis of an EMS Agency's Response to a 911 Scene based EMS Event. This report provides a description of an EMS response from several perspectives and uses statistical analysis to measure an EMS Agency's response time performance. Included in this Toolkit are comparative Benchmarks with similar EMS Agencies and the State average.

EMS Toolkits are unique in their ability to assist local EMS agencies regardless of their knowledge or expertise in performance improvement. Suggestions for improvements (interventions) are provided to each EMS Agency based on their EMS Toolkit results. Each EMS Toolkit is designed to measure and adjust performance over time.

**All EMS Agencies who have submitted a minimum of 500 911 scene based EMS records into the SC EMS Data System as of September 1, 2009 will receive a paper copy of the EMS Response Time Toolkit from the EMSPIC during the month of September. A GoToWebinar will take place on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM to provide detailed instruction on how to read and apply your EMS Agencies Response Time Toolkit. Look for an invitation soon.**

If you are an **EMS Agency Director, Primary Contact, or Medical Director**, the following instructions will assist you in generating your EMS Agency's Response Time Toolkit.

### **Instructions to Generate an EMS Response Time Toolkit**

- Open an Internet Explorer browser and go to [www.scemsdata.org](http://www.scemsdata.org) website
  - Select EMS Response Time Toolkit Worksheet and print
  - Fill in answers to all questions on printed Worksheet
  - After completing Worksheet, log on to CIS <https://apps.emspic.org/CIS/Go>
  - Select Reports in box to left
  - Under Reports, select Toolkits
  - Under Toolkits, select Response
  - The first time an EMS Response Time Toolkit is generated, the information collected on the Toolkit Worksheet must be entered. Once this information has been entered, it will be saved for future use. It will only need to be changed if there have been changes in your EMS Agency.
  - On page 1 of 8, Make sure your Agency Name appears in EMS Service box. Select Next
  - On page 2 of 8, Enter Start and End dates for time frame you wish to generate Response Toolkit, enter your name, email address and phone number. Since this is the first time you are generating the Toolkit, No action is needed in Interventions box on right. Select Next
  - On pages 3 through 7, Refer to your EMS Response Time Toolkit Worksheet and answer each question. Select Next after you complete each page.
  - On page 8 of 8, Review the Toolkit Summary to make sure all of the information has been entered, scroll to the bottom of page and select Submit. Corrections cannot be made to Summary page. If corrections are needed, select Previous, and make the necessary corrections.
- Your EMS Response Time Toolkit is submitted and is generating, you will be notified by email when it is complete. You may log off if you wish.

### **Free Online 12-Lead ECG Training**

The EMS Performance Improvement Center has licensed Tim Phalen's Online 12 Lead ECG Interpretation Course for all EMT-Paramedics in South Carolina. It is free to Paramedics and our goal is for every Paramedic who is actively caring for patients to complete this course by the end of 2009. You will receive 5 hours of CME upon completion of the course. [Click Here](#) for access to the course!

## SC EMS Data System Enrollment Update: Turning SC Green

Check out the exciting progress of SC EMS agencies enrolling in the SC EMS Data system. [Click here](#) to see the **NEW SC EMS Data System Implementation Map**. When all agencies within a county begin submitting, the county turns green. Watch South Carolina turn green as EMS agencies are enrolled and begin submitting data into the SC EMS Data project!

SC EMS Data System Summary: 8/26/2009	
Total SC EMS Agencies**	209
Total EMS Agencies who have received training	172 (82%)
Total Enrolled in the EMS Data System	161 (77%)
Total Active and Submitting Data	46 (22%)
**Represents total EMS agencies required to be using the SC EMS Data System by December 31, 2009. This number excludes credentialed EMS First Responder Agencies, as their deadline for electronic submission is December 31, 2010.	

## Hot off the Press

Inside the August 2009 edition of JEMS there is a supplement dedicated to EMS data systems. The entire supplement is very valuable but we especially recommend the following article:

[\*\*Going Electronic—Avoid Information Overload, Now that you Have Data, what do you want to do with it?\*\*](#) - Supplement to JEMS, August 2009, Greg Mears, MD

## Important Data Submission Deadlines

**There are 127 days until 2010.** Don't wait until the last minute. All licensed SC EMS Agencies must be collecting and submitting data electronically into the SC EMS Data System by December 31, 2009. **If your EMS Agency will be using commercial EMS software, you must submit a test file by October 1, 2009 to assure successful data submission by December 31, 2009.**

Learn about the SC EMS Data System and how your EMS Agency can begin participating through the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Take the first step and [Click here](#) to complete the Enrollment Packet.