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SUBJECT: Continuing Education – November 2014

The Ebola Virus has gained much attention and momentum over the last number of weeks. That being said, many questions have been raised concerning our state of readiness to respond, care for, and transport patients with a possible exposure. The information coming from the CDC, the Ohio Department of Health, and let's face it, the media, is very fluid and constantly changing. As we watch the unfolding stories of the healthcare workers from Dallas that became infected after caring for a patient, suddenly the threat becomes more real as we look to our own professions and ask ourselves: "Are we doing all we can to make sure we are protected in the field?"

During the month of November, we decided to navigate away from our scheduled topic matter in preference of information and education related to the Ebola Virus and the local response planning that has taken place over the last few weeks. In each class we will present information on:

- The current Ebola Threat (CDC / Health Department update)
- Emergency call taking and EMS dispatch procedures
- Pre-hospital response scenarios (Level 1 – 2- 3)
- PPE (Resources)
- PPE (Training): Donning / Doffing procedures
 - APRs / PAPRs (Air-Purifying Respirators)
 - N95 Masks
- Transport procedures
- Hospital response / receiving

We will do our very best to give you the most complete and up-to-date information that we have. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me thru e-mail or by phone.

As a friendly reminder, November will be our last month of training for the year. There are NO CE classes during the month of December. Look for a new CE schedule for 2015 to be posted by mid-November.

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