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TO: ALL LUCAS COUNTY PARAMEDICS

FROM: Brent Parquette, NRP
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SUBJECT: **Continuing Education – April 2016**

During the month of April we will embark upon a comprehensive pharmacology review of the medications that YOU, as a paramedic use on a daily basis for patient treatment. Case-based presentations will be used, as well as reference to specific protocol sets used during patient treatment.

Throughout the month we will also present information on the risks during firefighting and EMS work by defining physiologic changes that take place during stress, performance of job duties, and exposure. Additionally, the resuscitation of a downed firefighter presents a special concern. Undirected attempts at removal of turnout gear is time consuming and chaotic. Therefore, we will present a simple technique to doff the gear (FD-CPR) from an unresponsive firefighter which requires minimal training and no additional equipment. I encourage you to watch the short training video on the 10-step process for FD-CPR that we will cover and train with during class:

The training video: <http://youtu.be/45qDPFj4Ipl> (Additional Information: FD-CPR.com)

If at all possible, please bring your turnout gear to class with you along with a SCBA face-piece (if you have one assigned to you). We will also have additional training equipment available for use at each of the class sessions.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming month. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

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