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TO: ALL LUCAS COUNTY PARAMEDICS

FROM: Nicole Zmijewski, NRP
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SUBJECT: **CONTINUING EDUCATION – SEPTEMBER 2021 – ACLS**

Preparation for the return to in person continuing education classes is in process. September will bring about the renewal of your *American Heart Association ACLS certification*. Remember this is an 8 hour class, running each day from 0900-1700 (as always, a lunch break will be provided). Class sizes are limited to maintain AHA guidelines for instructor-to-student ratios. *All paramedics must sign up for classes through their departments. THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP SESSIONS FOR MISSED SEPTEMBER ACLS CE.* It is important to remember, failure to schedule and attend one of the ACLS renewal sessions will result in the loss of ACLS certification and inability to work as an advanced provider within the Lucas County EMS system.

In order to attend ACLS renewal, you must have a valid/current AHA CPR and ACLS card. Anyone who is new to the Lucas County EMS system and did not attend the last ACLS renewal course in September of 2019, must provide a copy of their current ACLS certification card on their scheduled class date.

The American Heart Association requires a completion of a **MANDATORY ACLS PRECOURSE ASSESSEMENT (PRE-TEST)**. **You must print this completion certificate and bring it with you to your scheduled class. Failure to supply a precourse completion certificate will result in the inability to participate in the ACLS renewal.** ACLS provider manuals have been delivered to all departments, stations, and bureaus. Review the manual, then access the precourse with the following steps;

1. Visit elearning.heart.org/courses
 2. Scroll down to ACLS Precourse Self Assessment (make sure you choose the option that does not say outside U.S.)
 3. Select Launch Course to begin
- Note: If you have not visited this site before, you will be prompted to set up an account through AHA

Have a great rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September!

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