

# EMSC Monthly Newsletter

June 2023



## What is EMSC?

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program is the only federal program that focuses specifically on addressing unique medical needs of children by improving the pediatric components of the EMS system across the care continuum. The EMS for Children program helps to reduce child and youth mortality and morbidity sustained as a result of severe illness or trauma. The EMSC Program Manager coordinates and manages all aspects of the EMSC State Partnership program to ensure that the emergency care needs of children are well integrated throughout the entire continuum of care from illness and injury prevention to bystander care, dispatch, prehospital EMS, definitive hospital care, rehabilitation, and return to the community.

## Meeting the Arkansas EMSC Program Director

Christy Kresse serves as the EMSC Program Director since 2018. As the EMSC Program Director, she oversees the EMSC Manager and the federal grant that funds the program. She is a licensed paramedic and a state panelist for the Infant and Child Death Review Program. Educating EMS providers on pediatric emergency care is important to her and is excited about the projects AR EMSC is undertaking.

## Meeting the Arkansas EMSC Manager

Kellie Tolliver is the EMSC Program Manager for Arkansas. She accepted the position in April of 2023 and has enjoyed every second of what the job entails. She has five years of experience in EMS as an EMT. She started her EMT career in 2018 in Little Rock, Arkansas. "Being an EMT is always something I wanted to do in my life. It's not always an easy job, but if you continue to look for the positive things in EMS, it can be a very rewarding career. It's something I never want to give up."



## Arkansas Introduces Safe Haven Baby Box Kits

Arkansas EMSC has recently built a partnership with SHBB through the creation of SHBB kits, which provide the necessary equipment for transporting and taking care of the immediate needs of a surrendered baby. On April 26th, EMSC distributed Safe Have Baby Box kits to two of our local fire departments— Jacksonville and Hot Springs. More recently, EMSC provided two SHBB kits to Benton Fire Department, where two babies were surrendered within three weeks.

Monica Kelsey, CEO and Founder of SHBB, went to social media and gave a huge kudos to the Arkansas EMSC Program for stepping up to the plate by providing equipment for surrendered babies to be taken care of and transported safely to the hospital. These social media posts started to spark interest which led to fire departments, EMS services, and members of the general public asking questions about



this great program. There are still babies being illegally abandoned in other states to this day. The Safe Haven laws are constantly changing in each state. It is important to keep up with your states Safe Haven Law. No blame, no shame, and no questions asked.

### ***Recent Baby Box Blessings in Arkansas***

*Cabot Fire Department blessed their SHBB on June 1st, 2023.*

# EMSC Crew of the Year 2023

Arkansas EMSC tried something new this year and held nominations for EMSC Crew of the Year 2023. The point behind EMSC Crew of the Year is to recognize EMS providers that go above and beyond on a pediatric call, regardless of the outcome. Pediatric calls are the hardest calls EMS providers can be faced with and EMSC wants Arkansas EMS providers to know that their hard work does not go unnoticed.

The nominations were opened in early May 2023 and remained open until May 31st. The nominations went to the voting committee on June 5th, 2023 and one call was selected to receive recognition and an award at the AEMTA Conference in Hot Springs in August 2023. This will be an annual award that will be presented at the AEMTA Conference.

**You can email nominations to Kellie Tolliver at [kellie.tolliver@arkansas.gov](mailto:kellie.tolliver@arkansas.gov) starting April 1, 2024.**

## EMSC Crew of the Year 2024 Nominations

Nominations will open April 1st, 2024 and close on May 31st, 2024. Voting will take place in early June 2024.

A couple of changes are being made and required information will be as followed:

- **Names** of crew members and first responders on scene.
- **Date** of the call.
- **Narrative** describing the call.
- The call must have taken place between **June 2023-May 2024**.

# MCI DRILLS

EMSC recently traveled to Magnolia, AR and conducted multiple MCI drills with local EMS, law enforcement, and Advanced EMT students. Over two days, three drills were completed. Local EMS had volunteers come in to have moulage done and present as victims in an MCI. Overall, the two days were a complete success. EMSC has a Disaster in Seconds kit that can be set up in under 30 minutes and MCI drills can be ran in any setting. The includes drills for *Airplane Crashes at takeoff, Fire at a Daycare/Afterschool Program, Flying Bouncy House at Easter Picnic, Gas Leak with Explosion at Build-A-Bunny, 30- Car Pileup on the Highway, Catastrophic Rollercoaster Collapse, EF4 Tornado, Elementary/ Middle School Shooting, Sports Complex Bombing, Truck Plows through Pizza Palace, School Bus Crashes Off Bridge Into River Below, and 7.4 Earthquake.*

If you are interested in holding MCI drills for your service or in your county, please contact Kellie Tolliver at [kellie.tolliver@arkansas.gov](mailto:kellie.tolliver@arkansas.gov) or (501)553-4368.



## *Pediatric Ready Ambulance Service Sticker Program*

The Pediatric Ready Ambulance Service Sticker Program was developed to recognize ambulance services that carry pediatric specific equipment. EMSC will be doing voluntary ambulance check off's to see what equipment EMS services are requiring for their ambulances to have as well as the pediatric specific equipment required by the State of Arkansas.

\*In no way does this check off go against you or your service. This program is completely voluntary\*

If you or your service is interested in being recognized as Pediatric Ready, please contact Kellie Tolliver at [kellie.tolliver@arkansas.gov](mailto:kellie.tolliver@arkansas.gov) or (501)553-4368 for more information.

## *Pediatric Training/Skills*

If your service is needing pediatric training or practice with pediatric skills, EMSC can come to you and conduct pediatric specific training. All training conducted by EMSC will count for CEU's for recertification. EMSC can run pediatric scenarios or come out and help with pediatric specific skills.

Pediatric patients are the low volume/high impact calls and it is important to keep up with training and education for when a crew does encounter a pediatric patient.

If you or your service are due for pediatric education/training, please reach out to Kellie Tolliver at [kellie.tolliver@arkansas.gov](mailto:kellie.tolliver@arkansas.gov) or (501)553-4368.

**If you are needing to recertify in CPR, EMSC will hold a class for CPR recertification anywhere in the state for free. The only cost you are responsible for is the cost of the AHA CPR card.**

# EMSC Advisory Council

EMSC Program Director– Christy Kresse

EMSC Program Manager– Kellie Tolliver

Chair– Andy Goldthorpe

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Pushparajah

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EMS Educator– Randel Green

School Nurse– VACANT

Arkansas Ambulance Association– Amanda  
Newton

Arkansas EMS Association– Tonia Hale

Air Medical EMS– Andy Goldthorpe

Child Death Review– Semeria Hill

Fire-Based EMS– Nathan Collie

Law Enforcement– Robert Cupps

Injury Prevention – Lessa Payne

## Members at Large

Sara Walker

Josh Edwards

## Non-Voting Members

Caleb Bettis

Josh Kuykendall

Cameron Chapman

Leslie Lovell

## NEXT MEETING DATE

**Friday, August 4, 2023,  
11:00am**

**Hot Springs Convention  
Center**