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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

South Carolina EMS Symposium - April 15-18, 2009

April is a beautiful time to be at the beach and this year's Symposium at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center promises warm weather and the opportunity to hear and see the latest information in the EMS world. This will also be an opportunity for your EMS Agency to enroll and receive training on the SC EMS Data System. [Click Here for the Brochure](#) or visit the website at www.scemsnetwork.org.

Opening Speaker at 2009 SC EMS Symposium Wins National Award

Greg Mears, MD has been named one of the top 10 innovators in EMS who drove the profession forward in 2008 by the *Journal of Emergency Medical Services*, in conjunction with Physio-Control, Inc. Dr. Mears is recognized for his work in obtaining grants to develop a statewide system for accumulation and structured use of prehospital data consistent with NEMSIS.

"We were proud to partner with Physio-Control, Inc., on this program to recognize and publicize the work of these innovators," - stated A.J. Heightman, editorial director of Elsevier Public Safety and the editor-in-chief of *JEMS*.

"Many, many people are working very hard to advance prehospital care around our nation, and it is vital that we recognize them because their efforts can be an incentive to others to apply the same ideas in their communities."

Leaders are Dealers in Hope - We Lead By Example

SC EMS systems that are "Leading By Example" will be recognized during the opening general session lecture, "*The SC EMS Data Project: How Will It Change Your Life?*" on April 16, 2009 at 10:15 am at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Hear first-hand how these SC EMS Administrators are role models in implementing EMS data systems. See the Slide Show presentation highlighting SC EMS to John Legend's "Are You Out There?"—will your EMS agency be profiled?

EMSPIC Announces Innovative Collaboration with EMS Management and Consultants

Stop by the EMSPIC Booth, center court and hear about the exciting new collaboration with EMS Management and Consultants. This collaboration will pave the way for smarter, more efficient EMS data collection. Ask any EMSPIC staff member.

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 instructions on how to access and log into the course.

Stop by the EMSPIC exhibit at the SC EMS Symposium to learn how you can complete the On Line 12 Lead ECG 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 SC EMS Data System Implementation Map. Watch South Carolina turn green as EMS agencies are trained, enrolled, and begin submitting data into the SC EMS Data project.

SC EMS Data System Summary: 4/14/2009	
Total SC EMS Agencies**	212
Total EMS Agencies who have received training	
	120 (57%)
Total Enrolled in the EMS Data System	
	65 (31%)
Total Active and Submitting Data	
	19 (9%)
**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.	

Important Data Submission Deadlines

There are 261 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. Learn about the SC EMS Data System and how your EMS Agency can begin participating through the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).