

STATE BUREAU OF EMS HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 2010

GENERAL INFORMATION

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next Meeting

The June 28 – June 30, 2010 (Monday-Wednesday)
The Rosen Centre Hotel
9840 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
(407) 996-9840 / (800) 204-7234

Please make hotel reservations at the Rosen Centre Hotel by calling (407) 996-9840 / (800) 201-7234 by June 7, 2010. The group conference rate is reserved under "CLINCON 2010". For more information regarding CLINCON, please visit the Emergency Medicine Learning & Resource Centers website at: <http://www.femf.org/index.htm>.

EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL VACANCIES

The EMS office is soliciting nominations to fill the upcoming vacancies on the EMS Advisory Council. The following five positions will become vacant on June 30, 2010, and will expire on June 30, 2014:

- Lay Person
- Physician
- EMT (Fire)
- Air Ambulance Operator
- Hospital Administrator

If you would like to be a candidate or nominate a candidate for any of these positions, please send a letter of nomination, a current resume and any other information that you believe will help in assessing the nominee's potential contribution to furthering the objectives of the council to:

Desi Lassiter
DOH/Emergency Medical Services
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C18
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1738
Phone (850) 245-4055
FAX (850) 488-9408

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 1, 2010.

Please consider the diversity of Florida's population when making your nominations so that the entire population will be represented. The State Surgeon General, Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H., will make appointments. Representatives appointed to these positions will begin their four-year terms on July 1, 2010.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The EMS Advisory Council's Strategic Visions Committee (SVC) Chair, Battalion Chief Cory S. Richter, submitted version four of the 2010-2012 Florida Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan to the EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC) on December 18, 2009. The EMSAC is scheduled to vote on this document on January 22, 2010. The SVC is comprised of members of the EMSAC, EMS constituency group liaisons, Department of Health representatives, representatives from other state agencies, and other key EMS stakeholders. Many thanks to all of the members of the SVC and other partners for their continued collaborative efforts to improve and expand prehospital care.

Members of the SVC are also working with the Offices of Injury Prevention, Trauma, and Public Health Preparedness & Emergency Operations to ensure continued alignment of system plans.

A copy of version four may be downloaded from the SVC web page at:
<http://www.fl-ems.com/Stratplan/stratplan.htm>

For more information on the strategic planning process please contact Lisa Walker, Strategic Planning & Rules Coordinator, at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2733 or Lisa.Walker2@doh.state.fl.us.

RULE UPDATES

Rules under development are rules that have been noticed in the Florida Administrative Weekly (FAW) providing the public an opportunity to request a rule workshop or participate in a workshop.

Please note, if the agency head determines that a rule workshop is unnecessary one will not be held. The following is a list of rules that are under development, that have been or will be advertised, and their status:

- Finalize integration of EMSTARS into EMS rule
 - Rule workshop held in August.
 - Under preliminary review by program staff, legal, and Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC).
 - Time to be noticed as a proposed rule (see below) to be determined.
- Disciplinary guidelines
 - Time to be noticed to be determined.
- Reinstatement after revocation
 - Time to be noticed to be determined.

Proposed Rules are rules that have been noticed in the FAW providing the public an opportunity to request a public hearing or submit comments in lieu of a hearing (comments must be received within 21 days of the published notice). The following is a list of proposed rules and the status of these rules:

- 64J-1.001, 64J-1.004, 64J-1.008, 64J-1.009, 64J-1.020, and 64J-1.0202, FAC, updates to definitions (including COPCN), paramedic students ride time on ALS non-transport vehicles, EMT skills, pediatric education requirements for EMTs and paramedics, Medical Director participation for training programs, training program records, EMT/paramedic course length and content, and training program equipment list.
 - Workshops in March and August were held.
 - To be noticed as a Proposed Rule in the FAW December 31 or in early January.
 - Please monitor FLEMSCOMM and the Legislative & Rules web page for updates.

<http://www.fl-ems.com/RulesStatutes/rulesreghome.html>

NOTICES OF CORRECTION/CHANGE TO PROPOSED RULES

Pursuant to Chapter 120.54(3)(d), F.S., changes to a proposed rule must be supported by the record of public hearings held on the rule, must be in response to written material submitted to the department within 21 days after the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rule, or must be in response to a proposed objection from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee. The following are updates to rules that have already been proposed:

- Neonate Rule
 - Notice of Change published in the FAW on December 11, 2009.
 - Notice of Correction published in the FAW on December 11, 2009.
Copies of these notices are available on the Legislative & Rules web page: <http://www.fl-ems.com/RulesStatutes/rulesreghome.html>
 - For your convenience, a copy of the Proposed Rule incorporating the changes from the above notices is also available on the web site.
 - Public comments regarding these notices are due by January 1, 2010.
 - If no comments are received the anticipated timeline for filing for adoption with the Department of State is early January. Note: rules become effective after 20 days of the filing date with the Department of State unless otherwise noted in the rule.

New Rules/Amended Rules are rules that have been through the rulemaking process, filed with the Department of State, and adopted. The following are a list of new/amended rules:

- 64J-1, FAC, Emergency Medical Services
 - Amended 64J-1.002, 64J-1.003, 64J-1.005, and 64J-1.007, FAC, pertaining to provider licensure and permits.
 - Summary of amendments: minor modifications to update DH Forms 631, Ground Ambulance Service Provider License Application, 1575, Air Ambulance Service License Application, and 1576, Application for Air Ambulance Permit to require the provider's identification number and air worthiness certificate of each air transport vehicle to be licensed.
 - Effective September 2, 2009.
 - The updated forms are available at: <http://www.fl-ems.com/Forms/Forms.html>
 - Amended 64J-1.008, 64J-1.009, 64J-1.010, 64J-1.011, and 64J-1.012, FAC, pertaining to EMT and paramedic initial certifications and renewals.

- Summary of amendments: changes to DH Form 1583 (Application of Initial Certification or Reactivation for EMT & Paramedic Certifications), adding the capability to apply and renew online, and modifications to the renewal notices.
 - Effective November 22, 2009.
 - Amended 64J-1.001, FAC, pertaining to trauma definitions.
 - Summary of amendments: all definitions related specifically to trauma services have been moved from 64J-1.001, F.A.C., to the new trauma definitions section, 64J-2.001, F.A.C.
 - Effective November 5, 2009.
 - Created 64J-1.0201, EMS Instructor Criteria Qualifications.
 - Summary: establishment of minimum qualifications for EMS instructors.
 - Effective December 31, 2009.
- 64J-3, FAC, 911 Emergency Dispatchers
 - New rules
 - 64J-3.002, FAC, Public Safety Telecommunication Course Equivalency and 64J-3.003, FAC, Renewal of 911 Emergency Dispatchers Certification.
 - Effective October 26, 2009.
 - Newly incorporated forms may be downloaded at:
 - <http://www.fl-ems.com/dispatchers.html>

Please visit <https://www.flrules.org/default.asp> to stay-up-to-date on all notices in the FAW and to download the most recent version of a rule. Correspondence between the department and the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee regarding rules may be found at: <http://www.japc.state.fl.us/>.

DATA SECTION

EMSTARS

The Prehospital Data Collection program, EMSTARS continues to make great strides with 106 agencies participating, bringing the state repository to over 1,528,738 incidents reported. Another 52 agencies are committed and are working to begin their submissions to EMSTARS.

Funding from the DOT 408 Grant has again been made available for agencies to begin and/or improve the statewide data collection efforts. Agencies who are interested in applying for these grant funds should visit www.floridaemstars.com for application and submission guidance.

The deadline for submission of the application is February 12, 2010 by 5:00 PM, Eastern Standard Time.

The EMSAC Data Committee continues to play the major advocacy role contributing to the increase in agency data submissions. The Data Committee is committed to the advocacy, education and awareness of the benefits that EMSTARS brings to the quality of EMS service delivery in Florida.

The EMSTARS Project Team continues to work in concert with our federal partners, NEMSIS (National EMS Information System), EMS Advisory Council Data Committee, and the EMS community to review and analyze the upcoming changes anticipated with NEMSIS 3.0. It is important to continue to assess the impact this may have on Florida EMS providers to ensure that an appropriate state level implementation strategy is developed for this upcoming federal mandate.

The Project Team is also working to develop improvements in the data analysis, linkage and reporting capabilities of EMS data through the implementation of the EMSTARS Data Mart. The target completion date for the 1st iteration of the EMS Data Mart is March 2010. The end result of the initial iteration will provide a fully functional data mart that can be used to support the analysis and decision-making requirements of the business.

The Project Team continues the one-on-one visits with providers to facilitate training and/or implementation assistance as needed. As of December 2009, fifteen agencies have been provided this assistance. If your agency is interested in receiving assistance with your EMSTARS submissions or transitioning from aggregate data reporting to EMSTARS reporting at this time or in the near future, please contact Brenda.Clotfelter@doh.state.fl.us or Stephanie Daugherty at StephanieC.Daugherty@doh.state.fl.us. If your agency needs assistance to transition to EMSTARS reporting, or if your agency has questions / concerns about EMSTARS reporting, please contact us.

FLORIDA EMSTARS WEBSITE

The Project Team has been working to improve the functionality of the Florida EMSTARS website. These improvements were implemented in September 2009. Quick links and references have been added to expedite your search for EMSTARS information. Please visit the website at www.floridaEMSTARS.com.

NEMSIS UPLOAD / NEMSIS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

Florida continues to be a “stand out” state with its participation in the national program, NEMSIS. Florida has over 1,346,972 incident records in the national database. Florida ranks number two in number of records submitted to NEMSIS.

The NEMSIS National Reporting System based upon the National EMS Data Base is now available! The web-based system can be found on the NEMSIS web site (www.nemsis.org) under the Data Center tab (click on “Data Reporting”, then “National Reports” and then “Dynamic Reports”). You will notice Florida’s data is now incorporated in the national reports.

Visit and use the reports and, most importantly, provide the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center (NEMSIS TAC) feedback regarding the usefulness of the reports. They are striving to provide the best possible product and need feedback to enhance the impact of the national reports on the EMS system as a whole.

It should be noted that there are limitations to the data that are available. First, these data are not “population-based” and do not represent conditions of the nation or any individual state submitting data to NEMSIS (i.e., most states currently submit a portion of all state EMS runs). Second, the data are not formally “cleaned” and, therefore, represent the information as submitted by each state. Although basic cleaning is completed by the NEMSIS TAC, some data inconsistencies are retained to aid states with quality assessments. As the data base grows, so will the usefulness and validity of the National EMS Data Base.

VENDOR COMPLIANCE

Vendors continue to work toward EMSTARS verification. As of September 2009, thirteen vendors are EMSTARS compliant and five others are in the process of testing. For additional details on the status of the vendor compliance, visit www.FloridaEMSTARS.com or email Juan Esparza at Juan_Esparza@doh.state.fl.us.

PARTNERSHIPS

The EMSTARS Project Team continues to work in partnership with the EMSAC Data Committee, as well as the other EMSAC committees and constituency groups. The 2010-2012 Strategic Plan has been drafted in concert with all of these committees.

This initiative exemplifies the commitment to identifying and acting upon the numerous opportunities Florida has to lead the nation in improving patient care and patient outcomes.

The team has enjoyed working with all of you over the past several years. Thanks from the Data Unit and Project Team!

Brenda Clotfelter is the EMSTARS Project Manager and can be contacted by e-mail at Brenda.Clotfelter@doh.state.fl.us. Please contact her if you have questions or need assistance with EMSTARS. Visit www.FloridaEMSTARS.com for additional information.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The EMRC has continued its dedication to hold conference calls and face-to-face meetings. This committee has continued to provide a mechanism for statewide EMS data analysis and review for the purpose of statewide and national quality improvement initiatives. In July, the EMRC met in Orlando in conjunction with the EMS Advisory Council and constituency group meetings. Future goals of the committee included the expansion of the EMRC committee membership. The committee plans to recommend the addition of four new members to the EMRC to the State Surgeon General. Descriptions of these four affiliations include one person with a research background or an affiliation with an educational institution, one person affiliated with a private ambulance agency, one person affiliated with trauma, and one at large position. The EMRC continues to assist the Bureau of EMS and EMS provider agencies in mapping all report queries to assure data elements and data subset elements are appropriate for the report and/or research being examined. The EMRC has reviewed over 45 report request for EMSTARS data since its inception. As the EMSTARS database grows, the EMRC will continue to identify benchmarks, best practices, trend identification and research opportunities for the Florida EMS Community. If you have questions regarding the EMRC, please e-mail Steve McCoy at Steve.McCoy@doh.state.fl.us.

911 EMERGENCY DISPATCHER PROGRAM

Rules related to the training and education equivalency criteria for 911 emergency dispatchers and the requirements for the renewal of the 911 emergency dispatcher certification went into effect on October 26, 2009.

Florida Administrative Code 64J-3.002, Public Safety Telecommunication Course Equivalency, gives a telecommunication agency the ability to have their training curriculum reviewed by the department to provide their students the ability to obtain a state level certification. In addition, the bureau has developed a webpage specific to the 911 Emergency Dispatcher Program. This webpage can be accessed via <http://www.fl-ems.com/dispatchers.html>. Currently, the Bureau of EMS has certified 1,100 911 Emergency Dispatchers. If you have questions regarding the 911 Emergency Dispatcher Program, please e-mail Steve McCoy at Steve_McCoy@doh.state.fl.us.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

TRAINING

There are 168 EMT and paramedic training programs in the state at this time. This year to date, there are 15 new training programs. There is 437 continuing education programs.

INSPECTIONS

A total of 130 EMS provider inspections were completed in 2009. This will make the fourth year in a row to have them completed on time. A special thanks to Rebecca, Rickey and Shelly for their hard work in meeting this goal.

LICENSURE

There are 268 EMS providers licensed in the state at this time with over 4000 vehicles that have been permitted. **The Bureau is consistently receiving applications that are missing documents and/or are incomplete. Please review your application thoroughly for all required information.**

2009 Inspections of services

Total Number of Inspections: 130 services were inspected in the year of 2009. This number caught the EMS inspections up for the fourth year in a row.

Announced Inspections: 67(53%)

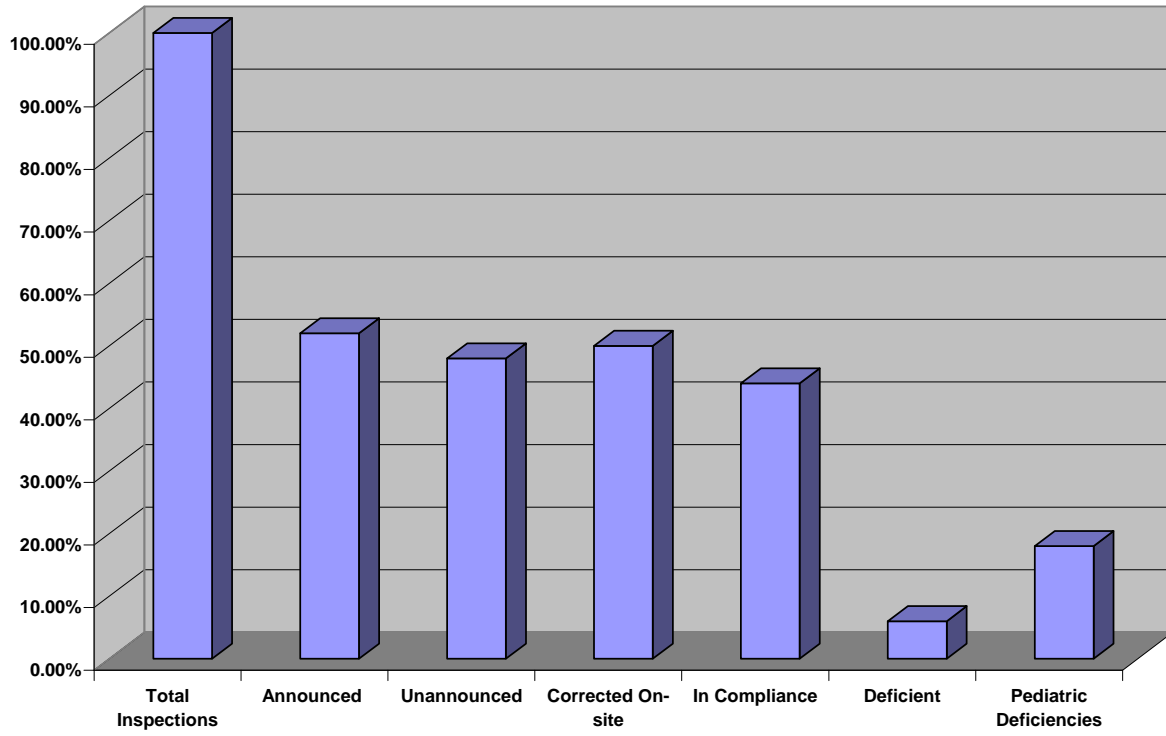
Unannounced Inspections: 63 (47%)

In Compliance: 58 (44%) of the services were in compliance at the time of inspection. This means no corrections were needed on site resulting in no deficiencies.

Corrected on Site: 65 (50%) of deficiencies were corrected at the time of inspection. Most of the corrections were related to supplies and equipment, with a few related to personnel records.

Deficiencies: 7 (6%) of the services had deficiencies that had to be corrected within a 24 hour period.

Pediatric Deficiencies: 23 (18%) of the services had pediatric deficiencies. Most of these were corrected at the time of inspection. Last year the number was 18%.



STATEWIDE PLANNING SECTION

INVESTIGATIONS

The Investigation Section at the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services continues to operate in conjunction with Medical Quality Assurance in regards to investigation of complaints against EMTs and paramedics.

All complaints against individual EMTs and/or paramedics should be filed with MQA through their website:

http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/enforcement/enforce_howto.htm.

All complaints against EMS provider services and training centers should be filed with the Bureau of EMS in writing to:

Bureau of EMS
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-18
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1738.
<http://www.fl-ems.com>

REMINDER:

Richard McNelis is the prosecuting attorney for the Bureau of EMS. He or his assistant, Alyshia Dark, can be reached at (850) 245-4440.

Please visit the following website www.flhealthsource.com to determine if an EMT, Paramedic, or EMS Provider and/or EMS training center has a clear/active license.

October to December 2009 - Complaints received in MQA

Complaints received in MQA

EMT: 72

Paramedic: 65

Investigation Unit processed the following for the last quarter

23 Felony investigations

6 Complaint investigations

Prosecution Unit processed the following for the last quarter

6 Default Final Order

1 Voluntary Relinquishment

1 Stipulation/Recommended Order

GRANTS NEWSLETTER

New: a link to the first grants newsletter is the first item now at the EMS grant website. However, this newsletter pertains solely to the state EMS grants. Let us know what you think about this, what subject you wish covered in subsequent issues, and any comments you have about this newsletter.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The date to begin submitting these applications was October 23, 2009 and the deadline is January 29, 2010. Last year ten counties did not apply for their county grant funds. For this grant cycle, all ten received additional contact with encouragement to apply this year.

New: at the grant website under “County Grant Information” there are links to: (1) the county grant announcement to submit applications for grant funds and (2) the amount of new funds set aside for each county.

MATCHING GRANTS STATUS

Organizations may submit applications from November 18, 2009 to February 12, 2010. After the deadline a review team will evaluate the applications in accordance with the review procedures.

New: at the grant website under “Matching Grants” there is a link to access the announcement for submitting matching grant applications.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

The application forms online show a date of 2008. This is because of a change in the *Florida Administrative Code* reference. The forms and booklet have the same content as the previous 2002 materials.

EMS GRANT CONTACT INFORMATION

E-mail demo_ems@doh.state.fl.us Specify a grants subject.

Web Page <http://www.fl-ems.com/Grants/Grants.html>

2009 PREHOSPITAL PEDIATRIC EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

The EMSC Program was a principal sponsor for the 2009 Prehospital Pediatric Education Symposium. The symposium was held on November 17, in Clermont at the National Training Center with 50 live participants as well as an estimated 200-300 webinar participants representing prehospital and hospital providers. The EMSC Program awarded numerous scholarships statewide to support prehospital and hospital excellence in pediatric care.

PEDIATRIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

The EMSC Program has developed a pilot project to conduct pediatric training. This pilot project is focused on improving and enhancing pediatric prehospital skill sets. To date, we have conducted one S.T.A.B.L.E. course with 12 students in attendance; two PEPP courses with 24 students and four instructors in attendance; and one NRP course with 24 students in attendance. Upcoming previously scheduled courses include one of each - PEPP, PALS, and S.T.A.B.L.E. courses. EMSC staff has provided two Pediatric Education Resource Kits to EMS training centers with plans to distribute six additional ones by February 28, 2010.

The kits include the following items: an Infant Intubation Head Trainer, five Broselow Pediatric Emergency Tapes, three Transilluminators, and a Pedi-Wheel.

PEDIATRIC RECERTIFICATION RULE LANGUAGE

The EMSC Advisory Committee Education Workgroup developed and finalized rule language that requires a minimum of two hours of pediatric continuing education for EMT and paramedic recertification. The rule language will be submitted for approval by the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee after January 2010.

PEDIATRIC DISASTER PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES AVAILABLE

In an effort to improve the education and training of initial emergency responders across the EMSC continuum of care, complementary copies of the following resources are available to EMS provider agencies, EMS initial training centers and hospital emergency rooms:

- Broselow Pediatric Antidotes for Chemical Warfare Tape
- JumpSTART/START Cards
- K.I.D. Kit

If your organization is interested in receiving the above mentioned items, please contact Patricia Kenyon at the following:

Patricia Kenyon, EMSC Program Manager
Florida Department of Health
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C18
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1738
Phone: (850) 245-4440, extension *2686

Funding for these resources was provided by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant.

Addendum

Office of Injury Prevention (OIP)

Contact Lisa VanderWerf-Hourigan, Director, Office of Injury Prevention; Division of Emergency Medical Operations at (850) 245-4440, extension 2776 for further information.

STAFF CHANGES IN OIP

We will miss Jane Parker and Freida Travis. Their longtime commitment and work to Injury Prevention was instrumental in the Florida Office of Injury Prevention being awarded the *2009 State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association's Prevention Program Achievement Award*.

JANE PARKER ACCEPTS A PROMOTION IN THE BUREAU OF TOBACCO PREVENTION

- **Jane Parker** accepted a promotional position on October 23, 2009 with the Bureau of Tobacco after eight years with the Office of Injury Prevention. Jane announced her decision at the October 6-7, 2009 Florida Injury Prevention Advisory Council (FIPAC) meeting in Tampa.
- Jane has been involved in many of the major projects within the OIP such as: 2004-2008 Florida Injury Prevention Strategic Plan, 2008-2013 Florida Injury Prevention Strategic Plan and the 2005-2011 CDC grant. We wish her well in this new position.
- We plan to fill Jane's position. The position advertisement has closed and applications are being reviewed.

FREIDA TRAVIS TO RETIRE APRIL 30, 2010

- After 35 years, **Freida Travis** will retire April 30, 2010. Freida held many positions in the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services where she was a staff member from 1976-2003. She has been with the Office of Injury Prevention since 2003.
- Freida spent most of those years in EMS nurturing the Florida EMS training centers and even accreditation for paramedic training centers. In 2009, the Florida Association of EMS Educators presented Freida with an *Honorary Lifetime Membership Award*, in recognition of her contributions to Florida EMS education.

- In injury prevention, her interest in training continued with the creation of the Public Information, Education, and Relations (PIER) for EMS Personnel (Injury Prevention) course in 2004. In 2006, Freida lead a group of injury prevention stakeholders in the creation of the annual Injury Prevention 101 (IP 101) Course, based on the PIER course. The IP 101 course provides the basics of injury prevention for the community stakeholder. Florida is the only State Injury Program to have such a course.
- Through Freida's staff liaison responsibilities with the EMS Advisory Council standing committee - PIER Committee, she combined EMS and injury prevention in her work. She has assisted the PIER committee in strategic planning, continuing education, and training. The most recent training was held at CLINCON in July 2009 on Senior Falls Prevention for EMS.
- The Florida Injury Prevention Advisory Council (FIPAC) and OIP staff surprised Freida at the October 2009 FIPAC Meeting with a memento for her time with us. She was presented a piano wood gift box that contained a "retirement book" with thoughts, comments, and well wishes from the FIPAC members and OIP staff.

PIER MEMBERS RECEIVE BIKE SAFETY AND HELMET FITTING TRAINING

- The Department of Health, Office of Injury Prevention (OIP) in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Public Information, Education and Relations (PIER) Committee of the EMS Advisory Council conducted a bicycle safety and helmet fitting training on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.
- Because of this training, five PIER members are approved to conduct bicycle safety and helmet fitting training and programs. They are: Melanie Delaney, Century Ambulance Services (Jacksonville); Michael DeSouza, American Ambulance Services (Ft. Lauderdale); Cherie Wilson-Watson, Collier County Emergency Medical Services (Naples); Cory Richter, Indian River County Fire Rescue (Vero Beach) and Kelly Powell, Safe Kids Palm Beach County (West Palm Beach).

BICYCLE HELMET PROMOTION PROGRAM GRANT

- Office of Injury Prevention (OIP) received on December 18, 2009 the 2009-2010 grant award of \$133,309.00 for the Bicycle Helmet Promotion Program from the Florida Department of Transportation. This was almost an \$11,000 increase over last year's grant.

- This grant has made it possible for free bicycle helmets to be available for low-income children in all 67 counties.
- The OIP has distributed nearly 85,000 helmets through the Bicycle Helmet Promotion grant since 2003.
- From 2003-2007, the hospitalization rate for non-fatal traumatic brain injuries sustained in bicycle crashes among Florida residents ages 5-14 has decreased 34%.
- For more information regarding bike safety and helmet fitting training, please contact Freida Travis at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2736, or Freida_Travis@doh.state.fl.us.

SATELLITE BROADCAST OF INJURY PREVENTION 101 COURSE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 30, 2010

- The Office of Injury Prevention and the Florida Injury Prevention Advisory Council are working together to revise the format of the Injury Prevention 101 course. The intent is to make it available to a broader audience by offering it through a distance learning satellite broadcast and webinar on March 30, 2010.
- DVDs will be produced for distribution. Plans are to also place the course on the Office of Injury Prevention Website.
- Details for registration and coordinates for the satellite broadcast will be published in FLEMSCOMM.
- For more information and suggestions concerning this initiative contact Freida Travis at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2736 or Freida_Travis@doh.state.fl.us.

STEVE McCLOSKEY RECEIVES 2009 STATE INJURY PREVENTION AWARD

- Steve McCloskey was selected by Florida Injury Prevention Advisory Council (FIPAC) Injury Prevention Award Committee to receive the 2009 Injury Prevention Award. Mr. McCloskey was presented the award at the FIPAC meeting in Tampa on October 6, 2009. The OIP, in partnership with the FIPAC, annually recognizes an influential individual who has demonstrated commitment to injury prevention.
- Mr. McCloskey started his career in injury prevention in 1992 at the St. Lucie County Health Department in Florida. Two years later he transferred to the Duval County Health Department in Jacksonville, Florida as the program manager for the injury prevention program.
- He successfully spearheaded the passage of Judicial Administrative Orders to allow an educational penalty option in nine Florida Counties to the offenders of Florida Statute 316.613, (FL Child Restraint Law).

- Mr. McCloskey initiated the first Health Department Gun Lock/Violence Prevention Campaign in Florida.
- Mr. McCloskey designed, implemented and evaluated the largest bicycle and pedestrian safety project in the state. He provided bike skills training to over 250,000 K-8 children and distributed over 60,000 helmets to them.
- The bicycle-related non-fatal injuries declined by 68% at a steady trend longitudinally by the end of the program which operated from 1995-2005.
- In August 2009, Mr. McCloskey accepted a job with the Tobacco Prevention Program at the Duval County Health Department, but also remains committed to injury prevention.
- To learn about past recipients of the injury prevention award click on: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/injury/#Award>.
- For more information about the injury prevention award, please contact Freida Travis at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2736 or Freida_Travis@doh.state.fl.us.

2009-2013 FLORIDA INJURY PREVENTION STRATEGIC PLAN

- The 2009-2013 Florida Injury Prevention Strategic Plan is now available on the OIP website at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/injury/reports.html>. Hard copies are also available upon request.
- The 2009-2013 Florida Injury Prevention Strategic Plan serves as a successor to the 2004-2008 Plan, which is considered nationally as a model state plan.
- For more information, please contact Lani Gruener at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2466 or Leilani_Gruener@doh.state.fl.us.

FLORIDA INJURY PREVENTION ADVISORY COUNCIL

- The Florida Injury Prevention Advisory Council (FIPAC) meeting was held on October 6 and 7, 2009 in Tampa, Florida at the Doubletree Hotel Tampa Airport Westshore.
- The Florida Injury Prevention Advisory Council (FIPAC) and Strategic Plan Goal Teams continued to work on the five plan goals, objectives, and strategies to implement the 2009 Florida Injury Prevention Action Plan and to provide input for the 2010 Florida Injury Prevention Action Plan. The 2009 Action Plan is now available at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/injury/reports.html>.
- The goals for the 2009-2013 plan are Infrastructure (including data and evaluation), Collaboration, Senior Falls, Early Childhood Drowning and Training. Within the Senior Falls and Early Childhood Drowning goals, creation of a state coalition for each of these issues is planned.
- The May 2010 FIPAC meeting date is to be determined. The FIPAC meets twice a year-October and May in Tampa.

- For more information, please contact Lisa VanderWerf-Hourigan (850) 245-4440, ext. 2776 or Lisa_VanderWerf-Hourigan@doh.state.fl.us or Lani Gruener at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2466 or Leilani_Gruener@doh.state.fl.us.

EXTENSION OF THE CDC GRANT CORE I - PUBLIC HEALTH INJURY SURVEILLANCE AND PREVENTION AND CORE II-TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- The Office of Injury Prevention received notice on October 27, 2009 that CDC has granted a no cost one-year extension to the Public Health Injury Surveillance and Prevention-2005-2010 (Core I Grant) and the Teen Dating Violence Grant (Core II Grant). The grants were to end on July 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010 respectively. Both will now end July 31, 2011.
- The long-term goal of the Core I grant is to implement the 2009-2013 Florida Injury Prevention Strategic Plan. The 2009-2013 Florida Injury Prevention Advisory Council, Strategic Plan Goal Team Leaders, and Members met in Tampa on October 6-7, 2009. Please refer to the Florida Injury Prevention Advisory Council updates within this document for more information.
- For more information, please contact Lisa VanderWerf-Hourigan at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2776 or Lisa_VanderWerf-Hourigan@doh.state.fl.us or Lani Gruener at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2466 or Leilani_Gruener@doh.state.fl.us.

SAFE KIDS FLORIDA

- Lake Sumter EMS recently submitted their application to become a Florida Safe Kids State Chapter.
- With this addition, there are seven state chapters in Bay, Lake/Sumter, Duval/St. Johns, Osceola, Brevard, Leon, and Marion counties.
- There are ten local coalitions covering Alachua, Bradford, Broward, Columbia, Collier, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Suwannee, Union, Flagler, Volusia, Seminole, Orange, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Pasco, Manatee, Sarasota, Lee, Palm Beach, and Dade counties.
- For more information about Safe Kids Florida, please contact Towana Bonnett, Safe Kids Coordinator at (850) 245-4440, ext 2452 or Towana_Bonnett@doh.state.fl.us or Lisa VanderWerf-Hourigan at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2776 or Lisa_VanderWerf-Hourigan@doh.state.fl.us.

FLORIDA SPECIAL NEEDS OCCUPANT SAFETY PROGRAM

Office of Injury Prevention (OIP) received on December 18, 2009 the 2009-2010 grant award of \$106,308.00 for the Florida Special Needs Occupant Safety Program from the Florida Department of Transportation.

- Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, recently submitted their application and was approved to become a Special Needs Occupant Protection Program Site.
- This grant provides specialized car seats to eight children's hospitals. These seats are loaned to families for the safe transportation of children with special health care needs who are unable to use a regular child safety seat.
- For more information, please contact Towana Bonnett, at (850) 245-4440, ext 2452 or Towana_Bonnett@doh.state.fl.us or Lisa VanderWerf-Hourigan at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2776 or Lisa_VanderWerf-Hourigan@doh.state.fl.us.

SUICIDE PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL

- The Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention official website is <http://www.HelpPromoteHope.com>.
- The Statewide Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council met September 30 in Tallahassee. Agenda items included:
 - New Office of Drug Control Director- Colonel Bill Janes, Director of the Office of Drug Control and Assistant Secretary of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Offices at the Department of Children and Families, retired on August 21, 2009. Andy Benard will be representing the Office of Drug Control until a new director is appointed.
 - Garrett Lee Smith Grant (A.S.A.P. Project) - One year ago, Florida was awarded the Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Grant, which is federal funding that gives the state \$1.5 million over 3 years for youth suicide prevention activities. Every month, grant updates are posted on our website, <http://www.HelpPromoteHope.com>
 - Florida Suicide Data Presentation: Kyla Shelton, DOH-OIP
 - 2010 Legislation
 - Suicide Prevention Education bill- During the 2010 Legislative Session, the Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention and Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council will again propose legislation that adds suicide prevention education to the list of options that school personnel have when choosing how to fulfill their in-service training. There is no fiscal impact and it does not mandate any training.
 - Substance Abuse Mental Health Crime Reduction Act-This bill was introduced during the 2009 legislative session and will be a DCF priority in 2010. It looks at a targeted population of individuals who encountered the criminal justice system and are incompetent to proceed.

- BakerAct-The Department of Children and Families (DCF) plans to submit a major revision of the Baker Act (Part I of s. 394, F.S.) for the 2010 legislative session. The proposed changes aim to strike a balance among civil liberties, mental health needs, and public safety, while using limited resources efficiently.
- Important Dates for 2010:
 - Statewide Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council meeting dates are: January 13, March 23, and June 30.
 - American Association of Suicidology Conference, Orlando, FL, April 21-24, 2010
 - Suicide Prevention Day at the Capital March 24, 2010
- For more information, please contact Lisa VanderWerf-Hourigan at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2776, or Lisa_VanderWerf-Hourigan@doh.state.fl.us.

INJURY DATA REPORTS

- 2005-2008 injury death, hospitalization, and emergency department data for each of Florida's 67 counties is available on the Office of Injury Prevention website at: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/injury/injurydata.html>.
- 1970s-2007 injury death data is available on the Florida CHARTS website at <http://www.floridacharts.com/charts/Domain2.aspx?Domain='04'>.
- County-level School-Aged Child and Adolescent Profiles, which include injury indicators, are available on the Florida CHARTS website at <http://www.floridacharts.com/charts/SpecReport.aspx?RepID=1031552>.
- County-level Pregnancy and Young Child Profiles, which include injury indicators, are available on the Florida CHARTS website at <http://www.floridacharts.com/charts/SpecReport.aspx?RepID=1013450>
- 1999-2008 injury death, 1999-2008 injury hospitalization, and 2005-2008 emergency department data, customized for specific projects, are available upon request.
- For more information, please contact our Injury Epidemiologist, Kyla Shelton, at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2729, Kyla_Shelton@doh.state.fl.us.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COALITION

- The Office of Injury Prevention is a member of the Department of Transportation's Motorcycle Safety Coalition whose inaugural meeting was in Tallahassee on July 29, 2008.

- The coalition begin the evaluation of the new Florida Motorcycle Strategic Safety Plan which is available at:
http://www.ridesmartflorida.com/images/Florida%20Motorcycle%20Strategic%20Safety%20Plan_final.pdf
- A business plan has since been developed and implementation progress continues; the next meeting is scheduled for January 2010.
- For more information, please contact our Injury Epidemiologist, Kyla Shelton, at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2729, Kyla_Shelton@doh.state.fl.us.

ELDER DRIVER SAFETY INITIATIVE

- Florida was one of six states to receive a small grant in June 2008 from the National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST) to develop a statewide older driver safety plan.
- Since Florida has existing older driver programs that are effective within many agencies, the grant funds were used to develop and implement a new community-based pilot project.
- The Elder Driver Safety Initiative team consists of members from: Florida Department of Transportation–Traffic Engineering and Operations, Safety, and Transit, Florida Department of Health–Office of Injury Prevention, Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged and a transportation consultant.
- The goal of the project is to improve the transportation safety and mobility of Florida’s senior population by providing training at the local level to assist seniors within the community to identify transportation options that will be best suited to meet their individual mobility needs.
- The counties selected by the team to pilot this project on mobility management are St. Johns County, through the St. Johns Council on Aging, and Putnam County, through Ride Solutions. Training was completed and both counties began taking calls in August and will continue through December 31, 2009.
- If the project proves to be a success, the team, along with the two pilot counties, will evaluate the best way to duplicate this program throughout the rest of the state.
- For the current status of the project, read this new article:
<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/TrafficOperations/Newsletters/2009/2009-012-Dec.pdf#page=5>
- For more information, please contact our Injury Epidemiologist, Kyla Shelton, at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2729, Kyla_Shelton@doh.state.fl.us.

**STATE AND TERRITORIAL INJURY PREVENTION DIRECTORS
ASSOCIATION'S (STIPDA) DISASTER EPIDEMIOLOGY SPECIAL
INTEREST GROUP (SIG)**

- The Office of Injury Prevention is a member of STIPDA's new Disaster Epidemiology SIG.
- The group's first conference call was held on June 2; the next call will highlight disaster epidemiology work in Florida and will take place on January 11, 2010.
- For more information, please contact our Injury Epidemiologist, Kyla Shelton, at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2729, Kyla_Shelton@doh.state.fl.us.

**STATE AND TERRITORIAL INJURY PREVENTION DIRECTORS
ASSOCIATION'S (STIPDA) POISONING INJURY SURVEILLANCE
WORKGROUP**

- The Office of Injury Prevention is a member of STIPDA's new Poisoning Injury Surveillance Workgroup (ISW7).
- The workgroup's first conference call was held July 29th. The workgroup will meet monthly across the next year to develop consensus recommendations for poisoning surveillance definitions and techniques. The next call will be January 4, 2010.
- For more information, please contact our Injury Epidemiologist, Kyla Shelton, at (850) 245-4440, ext. 2729, Kyla_Shelton@doh.state.fl.us.