

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## B-23 PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEM PRACTICE/PARTICIPATION

- Appearance:
  - EMS personnel are expected to maintain good hygiene, be well groomed and display a professional appearance while performing duties and when representing the EMS System to the community.
    - Professional uniforms are the preferred attire for EMS System providers.
  - To promote provider safety, jewelry should be kept to a minimum and facial piercings removed or covered while on duty.
  - It is recommended that long hair be tied back.
  
- Professional Communication:
  - EMS personnel are encouraged to communicate to the EMS MD and/or EMS Coordinator when he/she has any concerns regarding their performance, knowledge and/or skills proficiency and those of their peers.
  - System providers are encouraged to maintain harmony within the EMS System by maintaining open communication between other provider agencies and to health care facilities/personnel in their service area.
  
- Community Involvement:
  - EMS personnel can provide preventative health care training and first aid to members of the community by offering classes.
    - Types of community classes may include, but not limited to,
      - CPR training
      - Basic first aid
      - EMS awareness and injury prevention
  
- Chain of Command:
  - System personnel are subjected to the medical hierarchy of the EMS System and operational hierarchy of their provider agency and are expected to follow the appropriate chain of command.
  
- Responsibilities of Practice:
  - Responsibilities of EMS personnel include:
    - Professional, legal and moral accountability
    - A commitment to maintain knowledge and proficiency of skills
  
- Leadership:
  - Each EMS provider agency will designate a liaison to serve as a primary contact and resource person for the EMS System.
    - Responsibilities include but are not limited to:
      - Reporting deficiencies and concerns to the EMS System.
      - Ensure compliance to EMS System, IDPH, and operational regulations, protocols, and procedures.
  - This liaison should be a Lead Medic, Preceptor, Supervisor, or Manager within their agency.