

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## L-1 FIRST RESPONDER PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEM PRACTICE - PARTICIPATION

1. Appearance:
  - 1.1. Emergency personnel are expected to maintain good hygiene, be well groomed and display a professional appearance while performing duties and when representing the System to the community. Professional uniforms and patches is the preferred attire for all System providers, but may not always be suitable for the First Responder.
2. Professional Communication:
  - 2.1. Emergency 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.
  - 2.2. System providers are encouraged to maintain harmony within the System by maintaining open communication between other provider agencies and to health care facilities/personnel in their service area.
3. Community Involvement:
  - 3.1. Emergency personnel can provide preventative health care training and first aid to members of the community by participating with their agency/system with community courses such as CPR, Basic First Aid, etc.
4. Chain of Command:
  - 4.1. Emergency personnel are subjected to the medical hierarchy of the EMS System and operational hierarchy of their provider agency. They are expected to follow the appropriate chain of command.
5. Responsibilities of Practice:
  - 5.1. Responsibilities of Emergency personnel include:
    - 5.1.1. Professional, legal and moral accountability.
    - 5.1.2. A commitment to maintain knowledge and proficiency of skills.