

CENTRAL MASS EMS



REGION 2



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CMEMSC Newsletter

The Distributive Class for Nero's Law is Live

CMEMSC Annual Meeting of Corporate Members & EMS Awards is Fast Approaching

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday evening, May 2nd**. All corporate members are requested to attend the Annual Meeting to vote for next year's Board of Directors, Officers, and Committee chairs. The meeting will be at the Auburn Elks again this year. Great atmosphere and food. We have some special entertainment planned and of course the presentation of the 2023 **EMS Awards**. We will honor some amazing professionals that exemplify the meaning of public service. See pg. 2 for ticket info.

Not long after the initial release of the Administrative Requirement [\(AR\) 2-270](#) that outlines the training for EMS care of an injured police K9, CMEMSC applied for a grant to produce the didactic training. The [Central Region Homeland Security Council](#) approved this grant. After navigating several logistical challenges, we can finally share the final product. This 1.5-hour, self-paced class is available on the [CMEMSC Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#) at no charge, to all our Region 2 providers. We are also sharing the materials with the other Regions to host on their preferred systems. This will satisfy the didactic portion of the initial training as well as serve as a refresher for future cycles.



Follow this link to the [CMEMSC LMS](#) to create an account or log in. To create a new account, you will need an activation code that you can get from your department training officer or by sending an email to [Chris Baker](#). See page 2 for information about practical sessions.



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K9 Practical Training Save the Dates

The implementation deadline for ambulance services to complete the Nero's Law Training was extended to **February 10, 2024**. This allows us to take advantage of the summer for the practical training sessions. Below are the dates on the calendar for large group training sessions in Region 2. These will be open to all providers that have taken the didactic portion (any qualified class). Sign ups will be announced soon.

- June 10th- MPTC Southbridge
- July 22nd Tufts Grafton
- August 12th Monty Tech, Westminster
- September 16th Tufts Grafton



If you are hosting your own practical session, you are welcome to use the training equipment we have in stock. CMEMSC has a cache of CasPer CPR Canines, SWAT-T tourniquets and tight-fitting O2 masks. These are available for a no charge rental for departments to supplement their practical training. [Contact the office](#) for details!

Claim Your Ticket for the Annual Meeting, May 2nd

If you are attending the Annual Meeting & EMS Awards, we ask that you claim your tickets by **Monday, May 24, 2023**. Tickets are free but they are required to allow us to track attendance and plan for the food. You can [click this link](#) or scan the QR Code below. Make sure to bring a little cash with you to support the EMT Scholarship Fund. We will have a Chinese raffle table set up with some great prizes that have been donated! There are a couple of hints below.



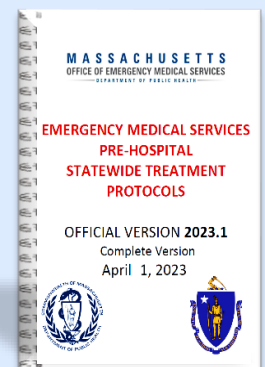
More Dates to Save EMS Week 2023, May 21-27



Of course, CMEMSC will be celebrating YOU during the [2023 EMS Week](#). We are planning to do a little traveling again this year so you can expect to see us at your local hospital or even at you headquarters. More details will follow in the May Newsletter. Stay tuned!

Last Call for 2023.1 STP Books

CMEMSC sold out of our initial order of Protocol Books but have received a few more requests for them. We need enough to place a minimum order though, or the price is not feasible. If you or your department are interested in purchasing any more printed books, please [contact the office](#) before **April 28, 2023**.



CMED Calls of the Month You can't make this stuff up!

This one seems to be reoccurring each March...EMS transported a man to the ER...his chief complaint? He paid too much tribute to St Patrick.

Speaking of paying tribute to St Patrick... another patient was transported to the ER for eating broken pieces from a porcelain toilet. When asked if the hospital had any questions, the only appropriate response the nurse could give was "Absolutely, but none that are appropriate for the radio. See you on arrival."

Meet the Voices of CMED -Kenny Payano

This month, Ken Payano takes the spotlight for our newest featured operator. Ken began his time with us at CMED at the end of February but has been in EMS since 2018. He started his EMS career working for EasCare in Worcester for a couple of years before joining the West Brookfield Rescue Squad to serve the town in a 911 capacity. Ken currently works for K's Ambulance and has his sights set on becoming a medic in the future. Although Ken dedicates a lot of his time to working in the EMS field in various capacities, he is also a big fan of enjoying some peace and quiet with a fishing pole in his off time.



Have a Voice in What Matters to EMS Providers

Last month we highlighted our [Region 2 Legislative & Community Relations Committee](#) and some of the bills that have been filed that directly impact EMS. Governor Healey recently announced the end of the state's Public Health Emergency and along with it, 80+ pieces of legislation. Buried in House Bill 3548 is wording that will permanently change the minimum staffing on an ALS ambulance. H3548 allows for a crew to consist of a first responder (driver only) and a paramedic. It seems like a step backwards for our profession more than any help to the staffing shortages. What do you think? Yes, we really want to know! The Region put together a small working group that will compile the perspectives and professional opinions of our constituents and share it with our legislators. Please take a moment to complete this very short survey on [Google Forms](#), and make YOUR voice heard.

Another Recertification Cycle in the Books

Chris Baker has been busy completing his first round of recertifications and wrapping up the Con-Ed cycle. He assisted 50 EMT/Paramedics as the Training Officer for our Unaffiliated providers. That does not count the time spent with service training officers answering questions. This is on top of the **1,994** continuing education approvals he issued for the 22-23 cycle and (as of 3/31) the **691** approvals for the 23/24 cycle.

Spring 2023 - BLS Instructor Class

Our AHA Training Center has been very busy as well. Ten candidates completed the classroom portion of the BLS Instructor class this month. This will keep Deb busy with monitoring for a while! If you need a BLS renewal or if you are interested in becoming a BLS (or ACLS) instructor, [contact Deb Foss](#).



CMED Operations - Nashoba Cadets

We had the privilege of hosting a CMED Operations class for the [Nashoba Cadets](#) at the end of March. This group of high school students train to be EMTs while still in school. They complete con-ed twice a month and by the time they graduate many have nearly 2 years of experience already. What a great program and an enthusiastic group of young men and women!