



# The SIREN UPDATE

## State EMS Medical Director Selected as the 2012 Recipient of the James Keaney Award

The American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) presented State Medical Director Dr. Carol Cunningham the James Keaney Award on February 10, during the 18th Annual American Academy of Emergency Medicine Scientific Assembly in San Diego, California. She is the first woman to receive this award.

Named after the founder of AAEM, this award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the organization. Nominees for this award must have at least 10 years of experience in emergency medicine clinical practice and must be AAEM members.

The American Academy of Emergency Medicine is the specialty society of emergency medicine. A democratic organization with more than 6,000 members, AAEM is committed to board certification as the standard for specialists in emergency medicine and to secure fair and equitable work environments throughout the emergency medicine community.

Dr. Cunningham is well known for her work as a colleague in the American College of Emergency Physicians and the AAEM. She is a board certified emergency physician at Akron General Medical Center.

Dr. Cunningham, who was appointed State Medical Director for the Division of EMS in July 2004, has been an active participant in many national-level EMS activities. She is the current chairperson of the National Association of State EMS Officials Medical Directors Council and serves on Ohio's State Medical Coordination Committee.



*Dr. Carol Cunningham pictured with former President of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine Howard Blumstein, M.D., FAAEM,*

## EMSIRS and Incident/Patient Disposition Documentation

There has been concern about documenting the *Incident Disposition* field in the EMS Incident Reporting System (EMSIRS). Currently there is a misinterpretation about the choices of "Treated, Transported by EMS" and "Treated and Transferred Care". This field is to be documented as the type of disposition treatment and/or transport of the patient by this EMS unit. "Treated, Transported by EMS" should only be used if the patient is transported to the receiving hospital by the agency reporting. More appropriately, this disposition should be considered as "Treated and Transported to the hospital by this EMS Agency".

In the case where the reporting agency is turning over patient care to another EMS unit (ground or air) the correct documentation would be "Treated and Transferred Care". This correctly identifies the disposition as it relates to this incident and this agency.

We realize that when a patient is transported by an agency to another and ultimately will be arriving at the hospital, the patient's disposition might be considered as treated and transported. However, using the field correctly will accurately reflect the involvement of both EMS agencies in patient care, and will result in more accurate data for future use.

If you have questions or concerns about this, or any other EMSIRS issue, please contact Sue Morris at 614-466-8015 or samorris@dps.state.oh.us.

## National EMS Week May 20-26, 2012



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## FEMA Announces New Applications for Mobile Devices



A new app from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) contains preparedness information for different types of disasters, an interactive checklist for emergency kits, a section to plan emergency meeting locations, information on how to stay safe and recover after a disaster, a map with FEMA Disaster Recovery Center locations and the FEMA blog.

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