Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- Transport patients with ROSC or persistent ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia to a STEMI Receiving Center for continued resuscitative efforts.

- Weiss Memorial Hospital is now a Primary Stroke Center (PSC) in Region XI and has been added to the policy manual.

- Cold winter temperatures may lead to severe hypothermia and patients in cardiac arrest should be rewarmed and resuscitated unless found in a frozen state.

- For clinical situations in which resuscitation is withheld due to signs of death incompatible with life such as rigor mortis or lividity, these patients are considered Dead On Arrival (DOA). When resuscitation is initiated and there is no response to treatment, these patients are considered to have Termination of Resuscitation (TOR).

- When providing online medical control for a critically ill or injured EMS patient, ask only questions pertinent to the immediate care of the patient.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director.