Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- **BLS providers** now carry intranasal naloxone for patients with altered mental status and suspected opiate intoxication with respiratory depression

- One of the criteria for transport to a Level 1 trauma center in a high-risk auto crash is **Intrusion**, including roof > 12 inches occupant site; > 18 inches any site. **Intrusion** is defined as the degree of deformity inside the passenger compartment and should be reported on all documentation for motor vehicle accidents

- For **life threatening** extremity hemorrhage that cannot be controlled by other means, a **tourniquet** should be applied

- In **Termination of Resuscitation** cases, the ECRN should provide his/her name for documentation. The name of the ECP is only needed if they were directly involved in the care of the patient. There is no ‘pronouncement’ or ‘time of death’ needed. The base station is only verifying that the EMS providers are following Region XI Policies and Protocols and are not present on scene to declare the patient dead.

- **Supraglottic (King) airway** devices are preferred in Cardiac Arrest as they can be placed without stopping chest compressions. Minimizing interruptions and high-quality compressions are key to improving survival rates.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director