Region XI EMS Monthly Pearls

- The Chicago Marathon is October 7th and long distances with excessive water intake predispose runners to electrolyte abnormalities.

- All Field to Hospital Communication calls both Online Medical Control (OLMC) and Pre-notification must be documented in the patient care report.

- As per the new Adult Assessment protocol, the Primary Survey should be Airway-Breathing-Circulation (A-B-C), unless specific circumstances such as cardiac arrest or major hemorrhage where Circulation-Airway-Breathing (C-A-B) is indicated.

- An initial full set of vital signs is required on every patient including: pulse, blood pressure, respiratory rate, pulse oximetry and neurologic status assessment.

- Starting this month, there is a new Stroke Update mandatory education for all active EMT-Basic, Paramedic, ECRN, and ECPs in the Region XI EMS System on stroke severity screening and transport.

Questions? Contact your hospital EMS Coordinator or EMS Medical Director