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FROM: SVMCA – Office of the Medical Director

SUBJECT: Inter-agency Communications Using Saginaw County Digital 800 MHz System

On October 21st @ 10:00am, the Saginaw County MPSCS Digital 800 MHz Radio System is to be activated. At this time, all inter-agency communications between first responders and transporting EMS agencies shall be initiated on the **ALL MED** talkgroup. This represents a change from the past practice where EMS units needed to contact the individual department on their MED TAC channel. Having a common channel will eliminate the guess work of who is responding to a particular call in an area.

Therefore, the Office of the Medical Director is mandating the following interim procedure:

1. All units responding to a medical/trauma scene shall monitor the ALL MED talkgroup for patient information, scene safety, etc...
2. Because ALL MED is a common talkgroup and potentially could become congested with traffic from multiple scenes or incidences, first responders and EMS personnel should limit their traffic to short patient reports and updates.
3. If a scene has multiple responders and agencies or in-depth information needs to be shared; the agencies involved will switch to a mutually agreed upon MED TAC talkgroup based on the location of the incident:
 - MED TAC 1 & 2 – Used for scenes east of the Saginaw River.
 - MED TAC 3 & 4 – Used for scenes west of the Saginaw River.

This procedure is to be effective until a permanent procedure for inter-agency communications can be drafted by the Dispatch-Communications Committee of the SVMCA.

Questions can be directed to the SVMCA Office of the Medical Director.