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“STEMI Alert” and “Code Stroke” Say it Early, Say it First and Say it Clearly

When you believe your patient is actively experiencing a STEMI or stroke, it is critical that you communicate this information to the receiving hospital immediately. The sooner they know you are coming the quicker they can prepare for your patient’s arrival.

Additionally, make it very clear and at the beginning of your transmission that the person has a positive STEMI on your 12-lead or signs of a stroke after

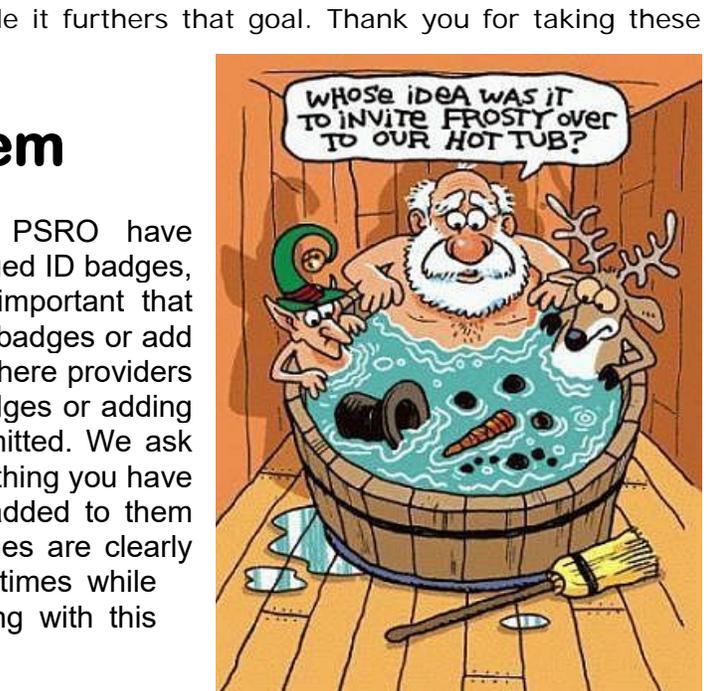
completing a Cincinnati stroke scale assessment. The first thing you should say is, “STEMI Alert,” or “Code Stroke.” If you feel confident of your assessment, then say it loud and clear.

Inclement Weather Scene Safety

Now that the inclement weather season is upon us, we are encouraging EMS providers to be even more cautious when responding to MVAs. To that end, and at the suggestion of law enforcement, we are encouraging all crews that are on these scenes to move patients to their units as quickly as possible and transport to the hospital or move to a safer location for treatment.



While this is of even greater concern during bad weather, we would encourage crews to take this action on any MVA scene, especially in high traffic areas. It is always our first priority to be mindful of the safety of EMS personnel and their patients, and by clearing a scene as quickly as possible it furthers that goal. Thank you for taking these steps to decrease the risk to you and your patient.



ID Badges – Don’t Deface Them



The GCMCA Protocol Committee and PSRO have developed expectations for the GCMCA-issued ID badges, including content and maintenance. It is important that providers to not obstruct information on the badges or add anything to them. We have had instances where providers are covering up certain elements of the badges or adding pins and stickers to them. This is not permitted. We ask the you refrain from doing so. If this is something you have done we ask that you remove the items added to them and make sure all information on the badges are clearly

visible. Also remember that badges are to be worn at all times while working in the field. Thank you for assistance in complying with this expectation.