



A Message from the Chairperson of the Indiana EMS Commission to Indiana EMS Providers:

The last week has seen an unprecedented change in the way that Indiana Emergency Medical Services providers have stepped up to the plate and answered the call. As we continue to prepare, re-supply, and respond to the threat of COVID-19, we continue to serve and care for the routine volume of emergency and non-emergency needs of the citizens of our great state. Many of you have worked long hours answering calls and providing direct care. Others are working behind the scenes entering readiness into templates, ordering and stocking supplies and personal protective equipment, or simply just cleaning and disinfecting.

Our Indiana Emergency Medical Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians, Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics are the ones who are truly shining at the moment and exemplifying their roles as servant leaders by acting out service before self. Our families are home, learning at a distance from schools and doing what needs to be done to support the household while we take on the tasks at hand. The public, in many cases, has stepped up to notice your efforts and give thanks to you for your efforts.

In the coming weeks, we will hopefully see this crisis peak and then pass by us. We will then and only then return to an air of normalcy. We have prepared for this type of an emergency for many years. We knew that we would someday be called upon to use the knowledge of or training in this area and unbox the supplies that were kept at the ready. Just like car accidents, floods, storms and earthquakes, these things happen.

Take heart in knowing that you are all doing what we were trained and built to do. And we will all do it well. And your efforts will be appreciated and not forgotten. Thank you all for your commitment to Indiana and your endurance during this event. Be safe. Wash your hands. Wear your PPE.

Thank you from the Indiana EMS Commission,

Lee Turpen
Chairperson