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To: All professionals in the EMS System for Metropolitan Oklahoma City and Tulsa

From: Jeffrey M. Goodloe, MD, NRP, FACEP
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Re: Ebola Virus Disease

Ebola is a serious disease. We must collectively acknowledge that in the present day of international travel, there are no longer diseases that can be limited by a country's geographical borders. While Ebola lacks a definitive cure today, there are clear experts in the disease and promising treatment options are already being provided to some patients.

Our goals in our practice of EMS medicine are to identify patients we believe have heightened risk for Ebola infection, utilize appropriate personal protective equipment practices, provide patients supportive treatment, and working with local emergency departments, MMRS/MERC, local health departments, the state health department, and in any subsequently confirmed cases, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to limit the forward spread of Ebola.

Please invest in your health, your family's health, your colleagues' health, and your community's health by reading the following documents and following their advisements:

CDC Guidance for EMS (latest update October 1, 2014):

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/interim-guidance-emergency-medical-services-systems-911-public-safety-answering-points-management-patients-known-suspected-united-states.html>



CDC and Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Detailed Checklist for EMS:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ems-checklist-ebola-preparedness.pdf>

There are many communications regarding ebola, some developed by medical professionals and some reported by lay press. While all are intended to convey information thought to be important, be discerning in what you read. I and the entirety of your medical oversight support have been, are, and will continue to monitor this and other situations that impact your safety and the safety of our communities. Further communication from me will come as conditions warrant. For now, and for emphasis, please read the CDC expertly developed resources as referenced above.

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