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To: All Interested EMS Stakeholders

From: Lori Mabry, Director, Georgia Trauma Foundation
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Re: EMS Workforce Study Phase 1 Results

Date: September 20, 2017

The Georgia Trauma Foundation, the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma, and the Georgia State Office of Rural Health are pleased to present the results of the first phase of the Georgia EMS Workforce Study.

Phase 1 of the study provides details specific to the current number of licensed EMS providers who are actively working in the EMS industry in both a paid and voluntary capacity.

At the time of the study, there were 22,855 licensed medics in Georgia, with 14,002 listed on rosters of EMS and/or Medical First Responder units licensed in the State of Georgia. The analysis of the data from the rosters is available in the Phase 1 report and includes multiple tables allowing each EMS region and county to see a complete and comprehensive snapshot of their workforce.

This information can be a very valuable tool for EMS Directors, Educators, County Commissioners, and other EMS stakeholders. We also recognize this report may appear overwhelming in its current form. To encourage EMS Providers and stakeholders to review this information, our principal investigator will offer an opportunity to participate in a webinar designed to walk participants through the information, describe how this information can be used, and answer questions about the data. EMS continuing education credit will be awarded to participants who complete the webinar. The webinars will be offered in the Fall of 2017 and a complete list of dates and registration information will be distributed in a separate document.

Phase 2 of this Workforce Study is designed to survey the remaining 8,853 Georgia medics who maintain licensure but are not currently listed on an EMS agency roster. The primary goal of the survey is to determine the status of these medics, gauge interest in returning to the EMS workforce, and seek suggestions for improvements in the industry.

A comprehensive report detailing the results of both components of the study will be released during the second quarter of 2018.

We encourage you to review this report and participate in an upcoming webinar. To review the Phase 1 data, please follow this link: <http://bit.ly/workforcestudy>

Questions regarding the EMS Workforce Study should be directed to the principal investigator at: workforce@georgiatraumafoundation.org

On behalf of the Georgia Trauma Foundation, the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma, and the State Office of Rural Health, we would like to thank the EMS providers in Georgia who work tirelessly, sacrifice time with family and friends, and dedicate their lives to helping others.

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