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TO: All Fire and Rescue Personnel  
FROM: Eddie McClellan, Acting Chief  
RE: Emergency Department and Other EMS Items  
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## **INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN IB-12018**

Recently, questions have been raised concerning the replacement of defib pads for the LP 12's by Winchester Medical Center. Defib pads for LP 12's are located in the central supply Pyxis outside Room 12 in the Emergency Department.

The Emergency Department has also contacted us regarding "Red Biohazard Bags" being disposed of improperly. Recently, "Red Biohazard Bags" have been placed in regular trash containers located in or near the EMS Room. We realize the "Red Biohazard Bags" could be placed there by many different agencies, but just wanted to remind everyone that regular trash containers are not the proper location for biohazard waste. There are large waste receptacles located in the Emergency Department with "Red Biohazard Bags" in them that are for the disposal of our biohazard waste.

As most are aware there is a nationwide shortage of many medications carried in our drug box. Everyone needs to be aware that you may find medications packaged differently, different concentrations, or even a substitute medication in the drug box. Make sure that you verify all medications for the right drug, concentration, and dosage.

Also, we need to remind everyone that the Virginia Office of EMS does perform spot inspections on our EMS units when they are on the street or at the hospital. Please remember that it is everyone's responsibility to make sure that all cot straps (including shoulder straps) are attached to the cot properly and ready for use; and that all drug boxes and IV supplies are properly stored within a locked compartment and that the interior and exterior of the units are clean and presentable.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Matt Morris (Station 4) on completing the requirements to be recognized as an Attendant-in-Charge at the EMT level. Matt has been approved by Dr. Turnbull to operate as an Attendant-in-Charge of patient care.