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TO: All Fire and Rescue Personnel
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RE: Prefilled Epinephrine 1:10,000
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The nationwide shortage of medication is beginning to impact medications that are available for restocking the EMS drug boxes we utilize. I was notified this morning and then confirmed through our Operation Medical Director that as of now Winchester Medical Center has exhausted their supply of prefilled Epinephrine 1:10,000. Therefore, once the prefilled Epinephrine that is currently in the drug box is used we will have to mix/dilute the vial of Epinephrine 1:1,000 down to 1:10,000.

Please insure that your units have ample supplies for drawing up and diluting the Epinephrine 1:1,000. It is realized this could create a slight delay in the amount of time needed for the first drug to be administered during a cardiac arrest.

As I receive additional information on this medication shortage or on other medication shortages, I will pass the information on to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me.