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TO: Fire and Rescue Personnel
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RE: Surgical Cricothyrotomy Kit Recall
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The department was contacted by the EMS council office today in regard to our new Surgical Cricothyrotomy kits. The manufacturer has issued a recall of these kits due to problems with the cuff on the endotracheal tube.

The kit can still be utilized for emergency use. **DO NOT use the tube in the kit.** Take a 6.0 ET from your supplies and keep it with the kit. If the device is needed, remove the endotracheal tube connector from the proximal end of your standard 6.0 tube. Using a pair of trauma shears, cut the endotracheal tube above the cuff inflation tube, reattach the tube connector and utilize the tube as you were shown in the training class.

A replacement order is expected to arrive next week and will be distributed by the EMS council staff. Please forward any questions to me while DC McClellan is out of town.