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Dear Agency Leadership:

With the start of the New Year, I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about some exciting things happening here at SREMS. Let me start with saying, we are *your* Council, comprised of members from the EMS community throughout the region. We are here to support your agencies and providers in any way possible.

It is a priority of mine that this support starts with increased access and communication. Expect to see more communication from the Council; know that our office is open every day of the week and walk-ins are welcome. Can't make it to the office, no problem, our staff will come to you. Executive Director Richard Blackley (director@srems.com) will be at each county's EMS Advisory Board meetings and you can always schedule individual time with him as needed.

New to our leadership team this year is Dr. Christopher Ryan. Although not new to SREMS, Dr. Ryan has been recently appointed chair of REMAC. I can confirm the rumors; REMAC has approved a new set of ALS protocols. Although there are no major changes, these protocols have many technical updates that bring the region in-line with current standards. A spring time rollout is planned and will be done using our new online education and testing website. In person classes are not planned for this rollout. More information will be forthcoming.

As we continue to build upon our partnership with ImageTrend, we anticipate a major upgrade to the software early this summer. Like the original roll out, we intend to hold several Train-the-Trainer sessions throughout the region. There will be no additional costs to your agency for the upgrade. As more information becomes available it will be sent to you. We are always looking for suggestions on how to improve the software and if you need assistance don't hesitate to reach out to us. The best way to reach our ePCR team is to email ePCR@srems.com.

In the realm of EMS education, the Council is working hard to enhance regional EMS training opportunities. We will be a major sponsor in a half-dozen conferences, grand-rounds, and teaching days this year. In December we took delivery of a state of the art simulation manikin that will be made available to all EMS courses. We are also making available interactive-clickers to EMS classes, enabling a new dynamic in EMS education.

As each of us continue to work toward improving our EMS system, please do not hesitate to contact our office or me directly (president@srems.com) with your comments, concerns, and ideas.

Sincerely,

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President