Rural EMS

- EMS is dangerous, in rural areas there are few support resources.
- Serving friends and family at the scariest times of their life.
- How can EMS, Hospitals and Public Health work together?
- What is the role of Paramedicine?
- Impact of Opioids abuse.
EMS & Healthcare Management

Department of Health and Human Services

Protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

- Alex Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services

Department of Homeland Security

Protecting the United States against threats. Duties include aviation security, border control, emergency response and cybersecurity.

- Kirstjen Nielsen, Secretary of Homeland Security
Relationship Challenges

- Focus on many rural EMS is Fire.
- EMS generally feels they are treated as inferior.
- In rural communities resources are limited. Rural EMS is severely underfunded.
HOME BASED CARE

- What skillset is necessary?
- Medication reconciliation
- Post discharge education
- Community resource navigation
- Fall risk assessments
EMS is a key component of the emergency cardiovascular care chain of survival.

The right partnerships can significantly decrease door to balloon time.
Partnership Opportunity - Hands Only CPR

Two steps to save a life:
1. Call Right Away!
2. Push Hard & Fast in the Center of the Chest!

- Shown to be effective for cardiac arrest.
- Can double or even triple a victim’s chance of survival.

HANDS-ONLY CPR
Push to the beat of “Stayin’ Alive”

American Heart Association®
Impact of Overdoses

Taking care of family and friends in rural areas can be psychologically devastating.
Potential for EMS and Healthcare

DEFINITE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

▪ Shift resources from Fire to today’s issues.
▪ Partner on prevention vs rescue (Population Health).
▪ Empathize with EMS.
▪ Build ER and EMS as a team – Train together.
▪ Bring them to the table on issues like STEMI, Stroke and Hands Only CPR.