



Message from the Manager

Dear EMS Provider,

In opening, I would like to take this opportunity to express the Office of EMS's condolences to the families and friends of the Guardian Flight crew who were lost while on their way to Kake this past month. The office understands the risks that our EMS providers take every day to help their fellow Alaskans, and how providers place patients above self. Our thoughts are with them as they resume their essential work on behalf of the medical community and all Alaskans during this difficult time.

I would like to welcome our new Program Specialist, Terry Kadel, to our Anchorage office. He brings an extensive background in EMS and a unique understanding of Alaska to the position. One of the first projects Terry will be launching will be a pilot tele-stroke program on the Kenai Peninsula which will be in collaboration with Providence Alaska Medical Center. Please read the related article by Terry to learn more about this exciting pilot program.

I have met with a number of stakeholder and representative groups this past month. It is clear that we are all interested in moving the Alaska EMS System forward, and I thank everyone for the opportunity to participate and discuss the future of Alaska EMS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. McDowell".

Todd McDowell
State of Alaska Office of EMS Manager

