

**Manitowoc County EMS Association Prehospital Care Manual
Foreword and Introduction**

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The format of the Manitowoc County EMS (MCEMS) System prehospital care manuals has changed several times throughout the history of the System. In 2005 existing procedures were formatted into a Standard Operating Procedure Manual, and in 2006 the MCEMS (Manitowoc County Emergency Medical System) Policy Manual was developed to address medical-legal issues and concerns.

With the growing demand that health care services be both effective and efficient, and the complexity of a tiered response System, the format for providing medical direction and patient care guidelines has changed again. This new format, prehospital Care Manual, contains field treatment guidelines, procedures, policies and protocols for all levels of service operating in the MCEMS. Levels are listed as ALS (paramedic level and Intermediate), ILS (Advanced EMT), BLS (EMT-basic), and FRLS (First Responder/Emergency Medical Responder). This prehospital Care Manual has become the focal point for patient care in the prehospital setting for the MCEMS System providers.

The intent of this manual is to create a team approach to prehospital care, resulting in optimum patient care that is effective and efficient. The focus of this manual is on providing safe, well-planned care for the patients who enter the MCEMS System and maintaining a safe environment for the prehospital provider. This manual is also to serve as a helpful reference and study guide for certification examinations.

All information contained herein is intended for use within the MCEMS System. No other System's protocols, policies or procedures shall supersede the guidelines set forth in this manual, or be utilized in place of this manual, by a provider in the MCEMS System without the approval of the EMS Medical Directors.

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FROM THE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS

The mission of the Manitowoc County EMS System (MCEMS) is to deliver the highest quality health care that can be achieved with available resources. A uniform application of the protocols will ensure competent and efficient care is provided to our patients. Our mission is accomplished by pursuing the goals of providing strong prehospital education and training. The protocols will help resolve potential problems that may jeopardize the health and safety of the patient, prehospital health care provider or the community.

As your EMS Medical Directors we encourage your suggestions and input by promoting an “open door” atmosphere. The medical directors’ offices are a resource to assist you in accomplishing the mission and providing prehospital services to your community. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of assistance to you or your agency.

It is our sincere wish that your experience with and service to the MCEMS System and your community is enjoyable and rewarding.

Respectfully,

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BLS Viking Rescue	Dr. Ken Johnson
ILS Kiel Mishicot Valders	Dr. Dave Deubler Dr. Laura Vogel-Schwarz Dr. Todd Nelson
ALS Manitowoc Fire—Paramedic Two Rivers Fire—Paramedic Valders—Paramedic	Dr. Todd Nelson Dr. Laura Vogel-Schwarz Dr. Todd Nelson