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A message from the State EMS Director:

I wanted to take a moment to thank each of you for everything you do each day and especially for your extraordinary efforts for the H1N1 influenza outbreak. We all know that getting vaccinated is the best way to avoid getting either the seasonal or the H1N1 flu and the Department of Health has been leading the charge to get the vaccine to the citizen of this Commonwealth and when available to be able to offer the vaccine to each of you.

During the planning and development of our strategy to meet the demands of the ever changing course of action to confront this outbreak, one actuality remained the same, EMS would be a major partner in this process. It goes without saying, the strength of character of our EMS providers is recognized by all from across the state and it gives me great pride to be a part of this impressive EMS system.

I am truly honored to represent you here at the Department of Health and I applaud your hard work. When we sent out the call for Paramedics to assist administering vaccinations, in just a few short days we had in excess of 500 names from those of you who stepped up and committed to progress. It never ceases to amaze me the remarkable can do ability each of you provide. So again, let me thank each of you for your tremendous leadership and unyielding advocacy for the entire Commonwealth Emergency Medical Services System and to the Bureau of EMS.

Sincerely,

Joe Schmider, Director  
Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Services

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Message sent via CentreLearn by Beth McAteer