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Hello!

I am issuing this clinical notification to make everyone aware of two new programs that will be deployed by Metro West Ambulance in response to the current strain on our EMS systems. This strain is a culmination of several factors including the Omicron variant surge and staffing shortages. Both programs are of limited duration.

Field Training Supervisor:

The purpose of the MWA **Field Training Supervisor (FTS)** Program is to provide crisis response amid the unprecedented strain of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. This immediate crisis we are facing in the healthcare system has created the need for all available paramedics to staff all available ambulances at the ALS level. However, the traditional length of the Senior training and evaluation process is lengthy. Through careful selection, MWA clinical leadership has identified several paramedics that have demonstrated the clinical acumen and leadership qualities to move into a Senior Paramedic position earlier than is typical and without the standard process. They will, however, have the support of a new resource. In addition to advancing these qualified paramedics, a new position has been created called: **Field Training Supervisor (FTS)**. The FTS is a clinical leader at MWA and will be a single resource unit deployed to support the new Seniors. These will be non-transporting assets. The FTS is tasked with responding in tandem on higher acuity calls likely to need critical intervention. If the FTS commits to the transport, they will replace the EMT partner. Your agencies' assistance during transport may still be requested as usual. You will also see FTSS' arrive on scene of lower acuity calls to offer support and feedback as needed. Continuous QA will be performed to assess effectiveness of this program.

Contracted Surge Staffing through OHA:

This program is an effort to expand staffing through personnel supplied by request through OHA. The EMS clinicians are provided by an outside agency and vetted by the State. Additionally, MWA will assess skill and knowledge competency prior to full deployment of these providers. Most immediately, you will see contracted paramedics as third riders as they familiarize themselves with our system and area geography. To be clear, these are licensed providers at the paramedic level and can practice within that scope. However, they will be limited to NO RSI/DSI. If you have a patient that requires airway management to the level of RSI/DSI, please be prepared to commit the resources needed during transport.

This staffing request is for 30 days.

I also want to take a brief moment to thank all of you for your continued hard work and dedication during this latest surge. We are all weary from the persistence of this virus, but we persevere and I cannot thank you enough for coming back day after day and doing what you do.



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