

AIR LINK

REGIONAL WEST

UPDATES



NEW YEAR, NEW POSSIBILITIES, SAME EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE.



Welcome 2020!

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We've taken another trip around the sun and all of us at Air Link are looking forward to the fresh start and all the new possibilities that this year holds.

One thing remains and that is our diligence in working hard to be ready for any call that may come our way. We continue to pride ourselves on presenting educational opportunities to our surrounding communities. Plans have already begun for the NEAAMS Safety Symposium that we are hosting for the second year at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff. The free safety symposium will be held on June 15 and will offer CEUs, lunch, and topics applicable to ground and air transport medical personnel, aviation, and dispatchers. Stay tuned to our Air Link Facebook page for details on registration.

Our annual Air Link Conference will be held October 17. We love seeing new and old friends at both of these events! Additionally, we are happy to provide most any education that would be helpful to your service, so do not be afraid to reach out if you have anything in mind that we could help with.



Cold Weather Tips for EMS

Cold and snow make emergency response more complex and potentially dangerous. There are a few tips that we would like to share to help keep yourself and your patients safe during the cold months ahead.

1. Your Safety is No. 1

As is always the case, your safety is paramount. Make sure that you are appropriately outfitted to be in the elements.

2. Slow Down

Reduce your speed and increase your following distance when driving any emergency vehicle on snow- and ice-covered roads. Decelerate first by removing your foot from the accelerator and then gently braking. Make gentle steering corrections at speeds appropriate to conditions to minimize the chance of a rollover or skidding into oncoming traffic.

3. Move with Purpose

Plan the lifts down the front porch steps, over the snow/ice-covered sidewalk, and through the snow-filled driveway to the ambulance in the road before leaving the house. Move slower and more purposefully when walking on snow- and ice-covered surfaces.

4. Protect the Patient

Use a blanket on the stretcher instead of a thin sheet below the patient and add an extra blanket or three over the patient. Shape a large bath towel as a hood around the patient's head. Pull the towel over the patient's face if it is snowing or sleeting, but tell the patient why you are covering his or her face and ask for their permission.

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