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The New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services/ NJ EMSTF Planners in cooperation with the County EMS Coordinators and EMS Programs/Agencies will be producing After-Action Reports (AAR) on all significant EMS incidents in New Jersey so that all clinicians and EMS Programs/Agencies can learn from events that take place in the state. The expectation is that these reports will be produced very quickly, and in most cases within one week, so that clinicians and EMS Programs/Agencies can learn from events while they are still fresh.

Standards for AAR reporting includes events that meet the following criteria:

- More than 5 fatalities
- More than 20 injuries
- Serious injury or death to any mobile healthcare clinician
- Evacuation of any healthcare facility
- Any event of significant state or national importance

For example, OEMS has identified the following 2018 events:

- Perth Amboy Carbon Monoxide Event (Perth Amboy, 01/04)
- Bayshore ICU Fire & Evacuation (Bayshore, 02/25)
- Bayville Nursing Home Hazmat & Evacuation (Bayville, 3/20)
- Route 80 School Bus Crash (Mount Olive, 05/19)
- Art All Night Shooting (Trenton, 06/19)
- Inglemoor Skilled Nursing HVAC Failure & Evacuation (Edgewater, 07/02)
- JCC School Bus Crash (Medford Lakes, 07/17)
- Union City House Fire (Union City, 07/14)
- Turnpike School Bus Crash (East Brunswick, 08/11)
- Newark Penn Station Bus Crash (Newark, 08/13)
- Amazon Pepper Spray MCI (Robbinsville, 12/04)

This performance improvement initiative will provide valuable information to other EMS agencies when responding to similar incidents. By sharing your experience, you will be educating fellow EMS providers on best practices in responding to such an incident. OEMS will use this information to improve the EMS system in New Jersey.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this initiative please contact me at Scot.Phelps@doh.nj.gov.

Again, thank you for your participation in this initiative.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Scot Phelps', written in a cursive style.

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