



Good Afternoon,

In 1974, President Ford designated the third week in May as EMS Week to honor EMS clinicians and the important work they do in our nation's communities. National EMS Week 2023 marks the 49th year of this special week set aside to celebrate the EMS profession and its dedicated providers. We take this time every year time to thank the entire EMS workforce for the service and sacrifice that they make every day, behind the scenes, without the fan fair or recognition that they so richly deserve.

As The President of the United States of America Joseph R. Biden Jr. wrote in his 2023 Proclamation on Emergency Medical Services Week, *"Saving lives is not just what tireless EMS providers do — it is who they are. I have seen their commitment up close. They are the steel spine of our Nation, and they give each of us the peace of mind of knowing that someone will be there to catch us if we fall."*

Our Peoria Area Emergency Medical Services consist of a variety of professionals, all dedicated to making a difference in their patients' lives. Whether career or volunteer, public or private EMS providers answer call for help, day or night, in all kinds of weather and conditions, many of which can be dangerous and emotionally challenging without fail, day in and day out.

We are truly honored to be amongst compassionate and caring pre-hospital caregivers and look forward to continuing our progress and working together to ensure that the Peoria Area EMS System continues to deliver care to the communities we serve with the greatest care and love. It is this vein that we would like to announce that OSF St. Francis Medical Center and the Peoria Area EMS has purchased Ninth Brain Suite access for our agencies and providers. Ninth Brain Suite is recognized as one of the premier solutions for managing data, providing continuing education, and tracking regulatory requirements. In the near future the EMS Office staff will be reaching out to each agency to schedule an introduction/training to the platform and to enroll providers to this outstanding resource.

Again thank you, the selfless dedication to this work is a true testament to the human spirit and we are grateful for your service.

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