

PINTLER BILLING SERVICES - NEWSLETTER

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EMT SPOTLIGHT – SCOTT DEMAROIS

“I have been on the job 23 years. I started working at the AFD in 1995. I was in the first group of fire fighters to complete class and became an EMT that year.

In 2007 we assumed transport services for Anaconda Deer Lodge County and to meet those needs, we advanced our practice to EMT with endorsements. Today I hold the rank of Captain and am Licensed to an AEMT with full endorsements.

The highlight of my career has always been, and continues to be the ability to help people, but in a way that is always unique from the call before. I have been fortunate in my career, always having great work mates and people around me to support such a challenging career.”



Scott DeMarois, Captain

HOW SECURE IS YOUR NETWORK?

Since October was Cyber-Security month, this is a great time to discuss the subject of the internet and your EMS service. The fact is most of us cannot go through one day, let alone one hour, without using the internet via some device or other. Besides the obvious benefits, this activity also exposes us all to real risk, especially when it comes to work-related internet use.

Q: We have passwords and rules for internet use. Are we still at risk?

A: Passwords are just the beginning. Have you reviewed your compliance plan recently? How is your firewall working? Do you have safeguards in place in case of a breach? If you don't have ready answers to these questions you may want to talk to your IT expert and check out some helpful websites, like www.malwarebytes.com for help.

Q: It looks like our compliance plan is still “in development”... what should we do?

A: Give us a call today! Jodi Paine, our compliance expert and Certified Compliance Officer, can help you develop a customized compliance plan that addresses the unique characteristics of your EMS service.

“Save one life, you're a hero.

Save one hundred lives, you're an EMT.”

COMPLIANCE CORNER – BY JODI PAINE, CACO

When it comes to Cyber-Security, preparation and prevention are crucial!

* *The healthcare industry was the victim of 88% of all ransomware attacks in US industries in 2017.*

* *70% of healthcare providers paid to have stolen data returned after experiencing a ransomware attack because they were not prepared!*

* *In 2016, one stolen electronic healthcare record cost the average business \$355. Imagine how many records your service has on file and do the math.*

Get prepared with a *cyber checklist* within your compliance plan:

1. Inventory “patient health information assets”
2. Implement Staff awareness & Training
3. Update your Firewall & Anti-malware Protection
4. Perform Technical Trial Runs



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DRAWING WINNER!

In September we were honored to attend the EMS Trauma Conference in Bozeman as a vendor. We had a great time meeting so many of you, and collecting entries for the Yeti cooler giveaway.

At the MEMSA conference in October, we once again set up a vendor table to support the efforts of the MEMSA staff working to provide educational experiences for Montana EMS professionals. At the mixer Friday night, Clint Loss drew our winner for the cooler: **LeAnn Vorhes from Absarokee Ambulance**. Thank you to everyone for entering...and if you didn't win, read on for a chance at another prize!

ENTER TO WIN AN EMT LINERLOCK KNIFE WITH LIGHT

We have a very cool tactical knife for our next giveaway. It is spring-assisted and able to cut through seatbelts. It also comes equipped with a handy adjustable light to illuminate your work.

To enter to win this knife just sign up for a **30 minute webinar on cyber-security on December 5 at 12:30**. You can sign up in several ways; 1) go to our website at www.pintlerbillingservices.com, take a look around, then click on the Contact Us button to submit your information, 2) call us at 866-340-2505, 3) email jodi@pintlerbillingservices.com. If you win we will ship the knife to your address!

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