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The InterAgency Board (IAB) released the one-page “[Training Trigger: Administration of Naloxone \(Narcan\)](#)” (PDF, 321.9 Kb) which supports the use of naloxone by law enforcement personnel in order to reverse heroin overdose and save lives. A hot topic around the country, the use of naloxone has increased as heroin use, and heroin overdoses, both climb.

The epidemic of heroin use and overdoses not only is affecting the cities and urban areas but also rural communities. Smaller communities and departments may struggle to handle these cases, especially if the [overdoses come in clusters](#). The hope with naloxone is two-fold: you would be saving a life, and then maybe the patient would take it as a wake-up call and get clean.

Another hot topic piece of technology recently brought attention to the problem of heroin overdose response in rural communities. A West Virginia EMT was wearing a body camera when he responded to yet another overdose in his county, recording the whole call. The video was released with permission of the patient. [A local TV station broke the story](#), and the video has been shared nationwide with the hopes that watching the scene of a real overdose can save lives.

(Source: [IAB](#))

“CSX Rail Respond” Provides Critical Information

[CSX Rail Respond](#) is now available free to emergency responders, providing real-time information on trains and cargo managed by CSX Transportation. The app is designed to help first responders identify rail cars containing hazardous materials quickly. It can be used on both iPhone or Android devices and most browsers.

Through a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or other wireless device, users can access entire train contents, car sequence order, hazard classification, load/empty status, and more. If a user looks up a single car, the program offers more details including DOT car type, load status, volume, hazard class, and placard recognition.

The app also provides the emergency contact information of the railroad, chemical databases, the National Emergency Response Guidebook, and CSX’s own emergency response guide. A recent upgrade added a water reactive chemical list, weather data, protective distances, and appropriate isolation zones.

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Those interested in app technology for rail emergencies should also look at [AskRail](#), an app that covers all Class 1 railroads in North America. Both apps require potential users to go through a verification process to confirm they are an eligible first responder.

(Source: [CSX Rail Respond](#))

Joplin, Missouri: Five Years Later

Joplin, Missouri was hit by a powerful tornado in May, 2011, which destroyed a hospital, a high school, and killed 161 people. A few months later, the city hired a developer company to help with the estimated \$800 million, five-year reconstruction. Construction and recovery continues in Joplin today.

May 19th-20th, Joplin will host the Joplin Disaster Recovery Summit, a 2-day event covering a wide variety of topics related to recovery and rebuilding after a disaster. The event includes a panel discussion with officials from a number of Midwest cities and towns hit by natural disasters in the past decade. Those officials will go on to lead a variety of breakout sessions over the next two days, including:

- Crisis Communication after a Disaster;
- Responding to Individuals and Families in Need;
- Paying it Forward;
- The Donation Dilemma;
- The Role of Schools and Mental Health Organizations in Trauma Recovery;
- Leading through a Disaster: The Sprint that Becomes a Marathon.

This is a valuable opportunity for community leaders to glean information, lessons learned, best practices, and other essentials from other leaders who have seen their communities nearly destroyed but have come back stronger. Information provided in these two days can be applied to nearly any disaster a community may face.

Registration details and a full agenda are available on the [Joplin Proud website](#). In addition to the conference, the town will also be holding several memorial events including a marathon, home and business recovery tours, a musical concert, a community picnic, and a remembrance service.

(Source: [Joplin Proud](#))

EMS Focus Webinar: Evidence-Based Patient Care

EMS.gov presents the next EMS Focus Webinar [“Implementing Evidence-based Guidelines: How to Take Evidence-based Patient Care from Paper to Practice”](#) on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 1 p.m. Eastern. Registration is required.

EMS practice has been gravitating toward evidence-based guidelines (EBG), where care decisions are based on and backed-up by research and data. Incorporating these changes can be challenging if the department or system you are part of is still working with decisions based on theory or subjective evidence.

This webinar will go over how EBG is improving patient care, the challenges of educating state and local providers, and how to gain support for EBG and incorporate the guidelines into EMS practice. The presentation panel includes federal, state, and local experts. A question and answer period is scheduled at the conclusion of the webinar.

(Source: [EMS.gov](#))

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