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Emergency Numbers:

Dial 911 or 632-3333 (cell phone)

Non-Fire Emergencies 911
(Major Chemical Spill/HazMat)

All Codes 321

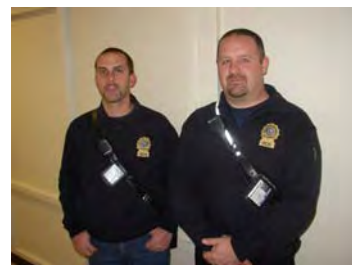
Fire (Code Red) 321

Meet our Fire Marshals

Contributed by Jill Kavoukian

This past May, our Hospital Fire Marshals, Mike and Anthony, both left to pursue positions with the Town of Brookhaven. Michael A. Kampf and James Makarius filled those vacancies. Mike was hired by Stony Brook University in March of 2007 to head up the Fire Safety program at the Southampton campus. In May of 2010 when there was a reduction in programs at the Southampton campus, Mike was offered the Hospital Fire Marshal position. He has been a member of the Southampton Fire Department for the past 15 years and rose through the ranks as Rescue Squad Leader, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Captain, and was just recently elected as a Chief.

James Makarius is currently the Chief of the Port Jefferson Fire Department and has been a member of the department since 1993. Jim started his career as a Fire Marshal on the West Campus in November of 2005. Jim currently resides in Port Jefferson with his wife Erika, daughter Kyleigh, and they are expecting a new addition to their family in June. We are pleased to have them on our team.



Fire Marshals Jim Makarius and Mike Kampf

Eyewashes Installed in Laboratories

Contributed by Kathy Terwilliger

Emergency eyewashes were installed this year in the Hospital laboratories, replacing the original drench hoses. This project could not have been completed without the perseverance of several team members - Christine Munz (retired) and Michelle Gilleeny-Blabac of the labs; Kathy Terwilliger of EH&S; and Melissa Murphy, Bruce Henneborn and their Facilities staff. The eyewashes are now ANSI

compliant.....thanks to all that helped with this project!



Bruce, Kathy, Melissa, Michelle and Chris



“You Got Caught Being Safe” 2010 Recipients

Congratulations to the following employees who received our “You Got Caught Being Safe” recognition:

June winners:

Kevin Lorio, Facilities
Pete Kreskowski, Facilities

July winners:

Donna Jackson, Distribution Services
Lynn Yurick, Distribution
Patrick Ambroise, Supply Management
Sydney Bryan, Supply Management

August winners:

Jackie Weber, Facilities
Joe Kelly, Grounds
Diane Marrone, Heart Center

September winners:

Ed Zurcher, Endoscopy
Theresa Vasak, ASC
John Garofalo, Physical Plant
Roy Clarkson, Physical Plant
Anthony Pinzone, Physical Plant
Dominick Eliane, Physical Plant

October winners:

Joanna Plunkitt, Molecular Genetics Lab
Brenda Sheehan, 19N

Lisette Diaz, Chemistry

November winner:

Elaine Rubin, Nursing
Assisting with State inspection compliance, designing bulletin boards, going above and beyond to recycle materials, looking out for coworkers safety, coordinating respirator fit testing and assisting with Patient Safety Friday inspections are some of the ways that these energetic staff “Got Caught”.



2010 King of Green

Contributed by Carol Malley

Charlie Bebber from BioMedical Engineering was crowned the King of Green for 2010. Charlie was selected because of his outstanding role in the Surplus Property workgroup. Charlie has for years saved equipment with value hoping to find another user.

Charlie along with the work group developed a plan to sell reusable Hospital surplus property through eBay. Charlie worked with the University in preparing the paperwork, tracking, and arranging for shipping of surplus property all in

addition to his regular work load. Charlie’s initial success included diverting over 5,000 pounds of waste from being land filled and earning over \$6,000 from the sales.

Our congratulations to Charlie!

Sharps Injury Log Revised

Contributed by Kathy Terwilliger

Hopefully you’ll never experience a contaminated sharps injury, but if you do there are a couple things to remember. First, immediately go to Employee Health & Wellness for appropriate follow up (ED off hours). Also, complete and follow

instructions on the Employee Occupational Injury/Illness Report and Sharps Injury Log. Both forms are on the Hospital intranet under "Forms" and are available in Employee Health. The Sharps Injury Log was revised

this year to allow injured staff to report detailed information on the device involved in the injury which will allow for more effective hospital-wide corrective actions.



SterilMed Reprocessing Award

Contributed by Carol Malley

On October 12, 2010, Stony Brook University Medical Center was awarded the SterilMed Best Practice for Environmental Excellence award. Stony Brook was recognized for reprocessing and recycling medical devices. SterilMed commended Stony Brook for their strong commitment to the reprocessing program and for their efforts in protecting the environment.

Materials Management has been reprocessing medical equipment since 2004. They started with pulse oximeter sensors and have expanded to electrophysiology catheters, sequential compression sleeves and

laparoscopic instruments.

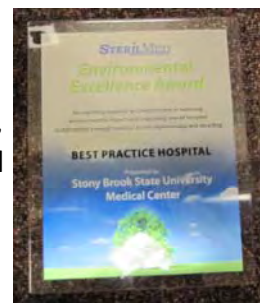
Is reprocessing safe?

According to SterilMed, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) oversees and regulates the practice of reprocessing with significant oversight from Congress. Reprocessors receive clearance from the FDA. The FDA requires that devices are clean and sterile as well as safe and effective (substantially equivalent) for their intended use as the devices were when new. The FDA conducts inspections of reprocessors twice as frequently as device manufacturers. In other words, not only are the

reprocessors considered to be the manufacturer of the device when they reprocess it, they must adhere to even stricter standards than the original equipment manufacturers.

In 2009, the Hospital reprocessed and diverted 80,985 devices from landfills equal to nearly 20,000 pounds of waste and saving the Hospital over \$600,000.

For more information, contact Fred Luebke, 4-2748.



Quick Tip

If you need a non-confidential paper recycling bin, call Hospital Custodial Services at 4-1455

EOC Reference Cards Updated

Contributed by Kathy Terwilliger

Both the Hospital and Offsite Environment of Care (EOC) Reference Cards have been updated this year. All hospital departments should now have these yellow laminated cards posted for reference. The cards are also available on the Hospital intranet under "Manuals".

Changes in the cards include:

- Safety Management - describes staff injury prevention along with procedures to follow if staff is injured or become ill on the job
- Hazardous Materials and Waste - provides a new detailed comprehensive table describing how to

handle/recycle certain materials

- Medical Equipment Management - introduces a BME sticker for devices that require no scheduled PM



Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) Disposal

Contributed by Cliff Roggemann and Kathy Terwilliger

Regulated Medical Waste (RMW), such as blood/body fluids or items contaminated with blood/body fluids, is prohibited in the Municipal Solid Waste stream (regular trash) and must be placed in a red bag.

- Liquid RMW is prohibited from being disposed in red bags (bags are not proper containment for liquid waste). For example, suction canisters containing blood or body fluids must be emptied

into a hopper when feasible (empty canisters are then disposed in a red bag). If suction canister liquid cannot be hopper disposed, a solidifier (SafeSorb, Lawson #55007) must be added to the canister prior to use. Solidified canister can then be disposed in a red bag.

- Bedside RMW generation – bring a small red bag and solidifier from clean utility room into patient room. After

procedure, use solidifier if necessary and place used red bag into RMW container in soiled utility room.

- Dispose sharps in puncture resistant sharps containers, never in a red bag or regular trash.
- Additional information is provided in Admin Policy EC:0026 Regulated Medical Waste Disposal.

Patient Repositioning Aids Demonstration

Contributed by Kathy Terwilliger

This past summer, demonstrations were conducted for Nursing staff to become familiar with safe patient handling equipment, specifically reduced friction slide sheets used to ease patient repositioning in bed. Repositioning aids such as

slide sheets have been shown to significantly decrease injuries to both staff and patients. Nursing staff from numerous units attended and provided their opinions regarding products from six vendors. Future pilots of several of

the demoed products are tentatively planned.



Proper Microwave Oven Use

Contributed by David Roy

Throughout the Hospital, microwave ovens are present for staff to use to warm up or cook their food.

Microwave ovens are inherently safe and are allowed to be used in areas such as lounges or offices, provided the person follows basic safety precautions:

1. Read and follow the heating instructions on the food package.
2. Do not exceed the recommended cooking time.
3. Do not place metal in the microwave.
4. Most importantly – Do Not leave cooking unattended!



This was supposed to be popcorn but it was microwaved way too long and was left unattended!