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SUBJECT: New Bleeding Control Educational Resource

TO: PA EMS Agencies
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The Stop the Bleed campaign was launched in late 2015 by the Federal government to encourage bystanders to gain skills in managing bleeding related emergencies before professional help arrives.

Many EMS agencies, as well as, Regional Councils, have been offering community-based Stop the Bleed Trainings. These efforts have certainly been noticed, and are appreciated by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

The Bureau was recently made aware of a new phone app that can provide real-time voice instructions to aid lay rescuers during their response to a bleeding emergency, much in the same way that an AED provides voice instructions to the lay rescuer.

The App is called “Stop the Bleed” and it was created by the Uniformed Services University’s National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health. It is available for both Apple and Android devices.


The Department of Health wants to support this innovative approach and we encourage you to consider making this app part of the resources you share with individuals that you educate in Stop the Bleed.

Please reach out to the Bureau of EMS with any questions.