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April is Child Abuse Awareness/Prevention Month in Suffolk County, and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that certified EMS providers in New York State are legally obligated to report suspected cases of child abuse/neglect. You will recall that laws were enacted in February 2002 that requires EMTs to report suspected cases to the NYS Central Register at **1-800-635-1522 (UNLISTED NUMBER FOR MANDATED REPORTERS ONLY)** immediately upon completion of the call, and to complete the Report of Suspected Child Abuse or Maltreatment Form (NYS Form LDSS-2221-A).

As a reminder, after the New York State LDSS-2221-A form is completed, retain a copy for your records and attach a copy to the PCR for the call and mail both within 48 hours to the local Child Protective Services office at:

C.P.S. Register/Intake Unit
Suffolk County Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 18100
Hauppauge, New York 11788-8900

We have enclosed a copy of the revised LDSS-2221-A form for your convenience; please duplicate this form as needed and discard all older versions as they are no longer used.

Finally, the Suffolk County EMS Division has developed a Training Module specifically for mandated child abuse reporting and can provide your EMS agency with this informative program. Please take the opportunity during Child Abuse/Prevention Awareness Month to review your agency's policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the law and to protect your EMS providers from potential litigation for failing to report suspected cases of child abuse/maltreatment.

If you have any further questions or would like to arrange for this training, please feel free to contact Karl W. Klug at 853-8309 or via e-mail at karl.klug@suffolkcountyny.gov for additional information.

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