

September/October 2017

Recent Activity

- Supported MFR agencies with in-person engagements with Grande Prairie, Grovedale, Sandy Lake, Calling Lake, Wabasca, Peerless Lake, MD of Bighorn, Rosebud, Standard and Parkland County regions.
- **\$331,740** of clinical equipment & training supports directly distributed to enrolled MFR agencies to date.
- Applications for the MFR Training & Equipment Fund in 2017-2018 closed OCT 13th. The MFR Team is reviewing nearly one hundred submissions and will update all applicants by DEC 1st.
- We completed contract negotiations with the Canadian Red Cross for access to Standard First Aid & CPR certification resources for MFR. Announcement and details to follow.
- MFRs have been registering to attend [EMS Clinical Symposiums](#). Three dates remain in November (NOV 21 Peace River, NOV 21 Lethbridge and NOV 23: Grande Prairie)
- An online form: '[EMS Support Request](#)' is now available in the 'Resources' area of the MFR portal. This form is used to request & coordinate non-urgent support (e.g. training) from the MFR Program and EMS Operations.
- The MFR Team participated in the [Alberta Fire Training Conference](#), OCT 20–21 in Lethbridge. MFR Strategists and Medical Directors were on hand for questions.

Activity Coming Up

- We will share details about access to Standard First Aid & CPR training, including instructor development and resources that will be available to MFR partners.
- To learn about naloxone for your department, including booking injection training kits, visit the '[Naloxone Resources](#)' area of the MFR portal.

Naloxone administration by MFRs

Naloxone has been administered by MFRs around 300 times since the Ministerial Orders were announced in Feb 2017. The training module, developed in collaboration with Edmonton Fire Rescue Service is available for free at www.AlbertaMFR.ca and has already been completed by hundreds of responders across Alberta.

The 'Naloxone Resources' area on the MFR portal is located at the following link <https://www.albertamfr.ca/theme/common/page.cfm?i=11725>.

While naloxone is being used by MFRs effectively in most cases, it is important to keep in mind that naloxone does not replace other emergency care, such as maintaining an open and clear airway, supporting ventilation and providing CPR, if needed.

An MFR Patient Care Report (PCR) is needed whenever care, including important interventions like naloxone, is provided prior to EMS arrival. PCRs can be completed online by logging into www.AlbertaMFR.ca.

MFR Program Welcomes New Strategist!

The Alberta MFR Program is pleased to announce Natasha Schiebelbein, PCP has joined our team in the role of Strategist as of AUG 21st. Natasha has been with AHS for five years, including front line roles as a Primary Care Paramedic in the Central Zone and most recently as a Team Lead with the Provincial Air Ambulance Program based at the Edmonton International Airport. Natasha is based in Camrose and has started settling into her new role as an integral part of the MFR team.