## FINGER LAKES REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL, INC.



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**in affiliation with Finger Lakes Community College

**TO:** All Agencies and Providers

**FROM:** Finger Lakes Regional EMS Council REMAC

## REMAC ADVISORY

It has recently been brought to the attention of the REMAC that gross deviations from the Trauma Protocol are occurring. While REMAC acknowledges that not every situation is the same, gross deviations from the protocol are problematic. The Trauma Protocol was developed with the use of accepted regional, state and national standards, and refined through out the years to insure that individuals that are injured in the region receive optimal patient care in a timely and appropriate manner. Deviations from this protocol violate accepted regional and national standards, and could put patients at risk for less than positive outcome.

Therefore, it is imperative that both service administrators and field providers review Section 2.0 – Adult Trauma Protocol, and Section 3.10 – Pediatric Trauma Protocol of the 2006 edition of the regional protocols. In summary, both of these protocols outline treatment and transport condition, including transport to appropriate trauma centers and the use of flight evacuation when appropriate.

Again, all services and providers are strongly urged to review these protocols and utilize them, when indicated, for the appropriate care of patients injured in the region.