

Lexington Fire Department chosen to conduct trial on new EMS Equipment

The Lexington Fire Department is one of two fire departments in Kentucky that have been given the opportunity to have a trial run with a new innovative product, the iTClamp Hemorrhage Control System. It is a temporary wound closure device to control severe bleeding within seconds of application to a traumatic injury. This device was created by Innovative Trauma Care and is new to the Emergency Medical Service field. The Lexington Fire Department is one of very few departments who have had the opportunity to use this new product.

Innovative Trauma Care approached the State Medical Director, Dr. Julia Martin, with this product to give out as a trial. Martin saw the Lexington Fire Department as a good fit for this product and asked Director of Emergency Medical Services Battalion Chief Brian Wood of the Lexington Fire Department to take this opportunity. Since the trial started, in November 2014, the devices have been used twice on patients to control major cuts and traumatic injuries.

"We are excited and honored that Dr. Martin has asked the Lexington Fire Department to be one of two departments in the state of Kentucky to be using this product" said Wood.

For more information or questions about the EMS Wound Trial, contact Battalion Chief Brian Wood at woodb@lexingtonky.gov or call (859) 231-5644.

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