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Dear Indiana Trauma System Stakeholder:

Since you represent a key constituency in the developing Indiana statewide trauma system, we wanted to make sure you know that the State Department of Health's Trauma and Injury Prevention team will again this year tour the state's 10 public health preparedness districts to hear from you as the ISDH continues to develop and implement a statewide trauma system.

The Statewide Trauma Listening Tour will begin on April 2 in South Bend at the EMS Education Building, then move to the Landsbaum Center in Terre Haute on April 4 and Evansville's Southern Indiana Career & Technical Center on April 10. Each tour stop will begin at 4:30 and run until 7:30. Later tour stops will be announced soon.

Last year, the ISDH Trauma and Injury Prevention staff toured all 10 preparedness districts and gathered information about what the system needed. We want to hear from you again this year, and we think we have some exciting new developments to share, including a new EMS Registry that will be able to offer EMS providers data they can use to improve their operations.

Trauma system stakeholders are a key part of the trauma listening tour, as we want to not only hear from you, but also ask you to join us in our efforts. At each stop on our listening tour, we would like local stakeholders, including hospitals, emergency medical services, fire departments, county health departments, rehab facilities and agencies on aging to join us with displays and information on how your organizations help prevent injuries and assist in trauma when it happens. We will also ask your help in promoting the trauma listening tour dates to your membership and through your membership to the public.

We want your feedback on the development and implementation of a statewide trauma system. You know that where trauma systems are in place, they save lives. Indiana has come a long way in improving trauma care in the last three years, but we have more to do.

Please contact me or any of the State Health Department Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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