

December 5, 2017

Dear Southern Fox EMS,

Yesterday, I advised the Chief Medical Officer at Delnor that as of January 1, I will be stepping down as EMS Medical Director of the Southern Fox Valley EMS System.

Dr. Art Proust will assume my duties as Director and Dr. Parkson Lin (another ED doc) will take over as Associate Director. Dr. Lin will fit in perfectly. He's young, energetic, and anxious to get involved with EMS.

Many of you know that in the last year I've become interested in the treatment of opiate addiction. I've been spending several days each month seeing patients and even more time learning about our opiate epidemic and strategies to address it. I will continue to work full time in the ER so I find myself without enough time or energy left for EMS. It is the right time to step away.

I've been the Medical Director of Southern Fox since 2001. As I look back, many highlights of my career have revolved around EMS. I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to the field of EMS and your communities. It's been an honor to work with you all.

Thanks.

Steve Holtsford