

McHenry Western Lake County EMS System
EMS Council Report
March 20, 2008
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IDPH Update:

IDPH Staff Update: Quinn Golden, MBA- Chief of Staff is to have left IDPH for a job in the private sector. No official communication has yet been put forward.

Linda Reimel, RN- Regional Coordinator- Currently off on MLOA. IDPH has instructed us to contact Tammy Moomey, Administrative Assistant for any questions related to Linda's regional responsibilities.

Strategic Planning Committees: Small committee meetings are ongoing. The overall Strategic planning Task Force will meet prior to the IDPH EMS Advisory Council Meeting in Geneva, IL on Thursday, March 27th from 8am-Noon.

EMT Testing: Follow up system results from the Fall 2007 EMTB testing demonstrate a success rate of 86.9% with an average score achieved at 78.5% (70% passing minimum.) Dates are scheduled through June, 2008. Later dates are dependent on the approval of the Governor's FY '09 Budget. Contract agreements for testing are in place, but funds must be appropriated through the Budget process.

NEXT MEETING: IDPH EMS Advisory Council: Thursday March 27th- Delnor Community Hospital, Geneva, IL EMS Forum 1pm; Combined EMS Council /Trauma Advisory Board Meeting: 2-4pm

Region IX Update:

- **Field Triage Guidelines** Revisions were approved by the Regional EMS Advisory Board on March 11th. Trauma Advisory Board will finalize and implement following their May meeting
- **EMS Documentation System:** We are moving ahead to validate group pricing prior to making a contract obligation. Image Trend software appears to be the majority favorite at this time.
- **Ambulance Diversion/ Peak Census Management:** Discussion is underway to develop a Regional template for managing EMS transports in situations where high acuity census exists in a particular geographical region. This is a pro-active approach to multiple hospital emergency departments utilizing ByPass.
- **Regional Disaster Planning Meeting:** Next Regional Disaster Planning Meeting: **Wednesday, April 24 9am-3pm at the Elgin Holiday Inn**
- **NEXT Region IX EMS Advisory Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 10th 9am Provena St. Joseph, Elgin**

System Update:

- Spring CE programming- ; Airway and Advanced Skill Labs begins April 1st. Sign in sheets for testing appointments will be used in all System Provider agencies to assist in planning for the most effective use of testing time and instructors
- Burn CE – Make-up sessions will be scheduled in conjunction with CE Make-Up for the Annual Airway/Advanced Skill lab in June.
- ED Strategic Plan: Ongoing planning for significant construction to the NIMC and MMC ED is underway. Through-Put Management- Process Improvement is currently underway as a major initiative to provide for more effective utilization of patient admission space, which will also assist the ED census flow.
- Director of Emergency Services- Temporarily EMS reports to the NIMC Director of Nursing. The specific role of the Director of Emergency Services is being re-designed. It is intended that the position will be filled in the future.
- **EMS WEEK EDUCATION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!- Saturday, April 26 8am-4pm- University Center, Crystal Lake- Topic: Professionalism in EMS.**
- EMS Week Service Awards- A request for dates for in-station presentation of IDPH recognitions will be forthcoming. The EMS System will provide a light meal for those meetings in appreciation for the dedication of our EMS Providers.

MCC Report:

- EMS Program Review- Desk Audit of EMS Program success/ performance-completed and forwarded to the Illinois Community College Board.
- **Spring 2008- Midterm in the semester**

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| EMS 105-001 | First Responder | (24) | Tuesday 9a-Noon | J. Lesniak |
| EMS 105-002 | First Responder | (24) | Thursday 7-10pm | W. Peterson |
| EMS 105-003 | First Responder* | (28) | M-F 7am-9am | F. Woloczynski |

(*Tech Prep- Senior High School Students- Tech Prep Program Complete)

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| EMS 110-001 | EMT-Basic | (19) | Monday/Wednesday 1-4p | P. Menzel |
| EMS 110-002 | EMT-Basic | (16) | Tuesday/Thursday 7-10p | D. Peterson |
| EMS 121/122 | EMT-P | (23) | Monday/Wednesday 6-10p | L. Dagdick |

Thank you to the many who assisted us with the clinical skill labs for the tech prep students.

- **Summer 2008- Enrollment Underway**

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| EMS 120-001 | EMT-P Mod I | Monday/Wednesday | 5-9 pm | L. Dagdick |

Fall 2008 Paramedic Entry Exam- Tuesday, May20th 6pm Room E 202 MCC