

McHenry Western Lake County EMS System
EMS Council Report
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IDPH Update:

- EMT Testing Schedules-** The students from fall 2006 wrote the EMTB/EMTP exam at the Gurnee site on February 24th. Results are in process-students are receiving Pass/Fail letters- not specific scores. The contract between IDPH and CTS did not allow for the release of test scores to any party other than IDPH. Scores can only be obtained through the licensure database. This is being reviewed for correction. Expert exam review panels continue to meet in ongoing development of the question banks. Initial pass rates: EMT-P 41%/EMT-B 65 %;
- **Legislative and Planning :**
Next Leg/Planning Meeting: May 30th 11am at ICEP in Oakbrook Terrace.
 - **Rules/Regulations subcommittee** will meet monthly in an effort to review language updates to reflect current practice in EMS delivery with changes in IDPH operations. These meetings are conducted on the **3rd Thursday of each month 11am-Noon- teleconferenced to Sherman Hospital.:** Rule Revisions in progress:
 - EMT Reciprocity 515.610 – approved by State EMS Advisory Council
 - EMT-I to EMTP Course Waiver Provision- consensus on requirements
 - EMT License Renewals 515.590- language revision in committee discussion
 - EMT Inactive Status 515.600- language revisions ready for IDPH EMS ADV
 - Ambulance Licensing Equipment- Revisions being made prior to JCAR
- New Discussion: Fee Sweeping- Discussion in place regarding legislative support to introduce a bill that would protect the EMS Assistance Fund from the Governor's authority to re-appropriate these funds.
- **National EMT Curricula Update-** Draft to be posted to NHTSA website in June
 - **EMS Assistance Grants-** Applications will be forthcoming. The amount of funding to be distributed is uncertain at this time
 - **NEXT MEETING: IDPH EMS Advisory Council: Thursday June 14, 2007**
Location/Time to be announced.

Region IX Update:

- Regional EMS Advisory Board Report Summary- March 13th Sherman Hospital:
 - Trauma Triage Criteria revisions in discussion
 - EMT-P Instructor Committee-working on final exam revisions
 - QI Committee- Determine regional QI focus
 - Data Committee- SFV State export is working.
 - SMO- Region Wide 2007 Updates in progress in all Systems- GEA, NWC and NIMC have only minimal discrepancies in patient care orders
- NEXT Region IX EMS Advisory Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 12th – 9am at Provena St. Joseph, Elgin**
- Regional Disaster Planning Meeting Next Meeting: April 26th at Holiday Inn, Elgin

System Update:

- Spring CE is underway
 - Make Up for EZ IO/MAD will be scheduled at the conclusion of the SOP Updates and combined with the SOP Make Up
 - Airway Skill Competency- April/May (EZ IO/MAD to be included)
 - We are working with paramedics who are also recognized in either the NWC EMS System or GEA EMS System to provide validation of training in both skills as well as the Regional SOP Update to excuse their participation in the classroom session being offered. All System ALS providers are being held accountable for the written review material in both EZ IO/MAD and the SOP updates.
- Centegra ED Vision Meetings- Both NIMC and MMC have held information meetings with key ED stakeholders to discuss the strategic needs for the future of ED services within the county. All EMS agencies were invited to participate. We'd like to thank you for the valuable input provided by your representatives. We will be sharing more information on this strategic planning process as we move forward. . A list of priorities has been completed. It is clear that facilities at the NIMC site will be a priority. Thank you for your support with this process
- EMS Week: First Annual FFL/MWLCEMS Education Day- Saturday, June 2
 "Birth, Babies and Big Kids- OB, Infant and Pediatric Emergencies"
 8am-4pm Centegra NIMC Education Classrooms
 (Brochures will be forthcoming) *** Save the Date***
- **Secondary System Providers-** Annual letters for system requirements to be sent
- **NEXT EMS Council Meeting: Thursday, May 24th – 9:00 am**

MCC Report:

- **Summer 2007:** Enrollment for Summer is currently underway
EMS 105 First Responder: Tuesday/Thursday 9am-Noon J. Lesniak
EMS 110 EMT-Basic Monday/Wednesday 8am-12:30pm D. Mehlman
- **Fall 2007:** Enrollment begins in April
EMS 105-001 First Responder Tuesday 1-4pm K. Miller
EMS 105-002 First Responder Thursday 7-10pm W. Peterson

EMS 110-001 EMT Basic Monday/Wednesday 1-4pm J. Lesniak
EMS 110-002 EMT Basic Tuesday/Thursday 7-10pm D.Peterson

EMS 120-001 Paramedic Module I Monday/Wednesday 6-10p L. Dagdick
**** 2007 EMTP Entry Exam- Thursday, May 24th 6:00pm at MCC E-202
Pre-registration Required