

**McHenry Western Lake County EMS**  
**EMS System Report**  
**September 27, 2007**  
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**IDPH Update:**

**EMT Testing :** Testing has resumed at all levels. System summary results have been collated for all testing January 1-June 30, 2007. Our results are:

- EMTB ( initial testing) pass rate: 87%; (repeat testers: 68%)
- EMTP ( initial testing) pass rate 100%; \*\*\*current student results pending

**Strategic Planning Process:** A Strategic Planning Task Force has been organized to develop a plan for future EMS and Trauma direction in Illinois. Dr. Walter Bradley is leading this process. Planning development meetings are scheduled for September 13 and 14 in Oakbrook. The goal is to develop a plan: 90 days; 1 year; 3 years; and 5 years. I am currently involved in the Administration Planning Committee- charged with legislative recommendations; financing and system structure/organization.

**EMS Assistant Grants:** Distribution of grant awards has been completed. Notification letter are being prepared. Grant funds will rely on signed grant agreements with selected agencies, and distributed in reimbursement for projects completed.

**Data Committee:** Creating the required NEMSIS data elements with a dictionary that will define the minimal requirements for data collection in Illinois.

**Education Subcommittee:** : *National EMS Education Guidelines* –[www.nemses.org](http://www.nemses.org)  
Final document expected in June 2008. This will replace all current EMS curriculum. Defines course content by guideline not specific objective.

**SMART Triage Tags/ Rad 57-** MABAS has distributed a Rad 57 device for CO monitoring to each division in Illinois to be used as indicated in rescuer rehab;

SMART Triage tags have been selected as the statewide tool for triage. Distribution to all Resource Hospitals, and all EMS ambulances- municipal and private will take place in October. Training materials will be provided- Train the Trainer session to be conducted for Region IX on Wednesday, October 24, Holiday Inn Elgin. Specific details for time to be announced

- NEXT MEETING: **IDPH EMS Advisory Council:** Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup>  
EMS Forum 1pm; Comvince EMS /Trauma Meeting 2-4pm Springfield. Site TBA

### **Region IX Update:**

- Field Triage Guidelines under revision by both Regional EMS and Trauma Committees Final draft approved for action by the Regional Trauma Committee.
- EMS Documentation System- The regional data committee has been organized to begin the investigation for a new product that will meet “gold standard” compliance with NEMSIS data elements. Cindy Tabert and Terry Menzel are representing our system in this committee. Next Meeting: November 7<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm at Sherman Hospital.
- Regional Disaster Planning Meeting: Wednesday, October 24 the Elgin Holiday Inn
  
- **NEXT Region IX EMS Advisory Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 9am at Provena St. Joseph Hospital, Elgin**

### **System Update:**

- Fall CE Plans- Education is underway
  - MVI vs MCI and the SMART Triage System
  - Assessment and Management of Geriatric Trauma
- Centegra NIMC Campus: Roadway access improvements are underway, to allow safer entry/exit via traffic light controlled intersections off Bull Valley and Rt. 31.
- Resurfacing of the NIMC Ambulance access will occur October 16-18. This will include removing the current asphalt. Detail regarding the re-routing of traffic will be announced as the date nears.
- ED Strategic Plan: Expansion plans are being developed; 4 new physicians have been added to the staffing for both NIMC/MMC. NIMC is undergoing a CON application for additional inpatient beds
- Flight for Life- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Open House- Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> 10am-Noon. Come join in celebrating.
- EMS Educator Position- Interviews continue. Application period is still open. No decision as yet.

### **MCC Report:**

- **Fall 2007:** Enrollment for fall

EMS 105-001	First Responder	Tuesday	1-4pm	Lesniak-	20 students
EMS 105-002	First Responder	Thursday	7-10pm	W. Peterson	25 students
EMS 110-001	EMT Basic	Monday/Wednesday	1-4p	Amore	25 students
EMS 110-002	EMT Basic	Tuesday/Thursday	7-10p	D.Peterson	27 students
EMS 120-001	EMT-P Mod I	Monday/Wednesday	6-10p	Dagdick	27 students