

**Report to CHAP Directors & ARC
EMS Training Committee 9/24/14-9/26/14
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EMS Training and CME:

- SEREMS <http://www.serems.org/>
 - ETT: finishing revisions; maintaining rural / remote Alaska focus and including some new skills and equipment and new content so it can be consistent with the national Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
 - ETT will be more of a First Responder course, with the addition of stabilization and transport, rather than the prior strong emphasis on trauma.
 - Revised ETT course will NOT include the ICS 100 and 700 information, HazMat or chemical warfare auto-injections required for EMR
 - With the additional didactic requirements, anticipate at least 56 hour course.
 - Working on Instructor materials (scenarios, sample schedules, etc.)
 - Revising ETT policies, on-line registration,
 - SEREMS had Sessions at November EMS Symposium for Instructors—including incorporating lots of hands-on practice.
 - The hybrid ETT course is still available through UAS; SEREMS is looking into funding to update this on-line didactic material to be congruent with the ETT revisions.
 - NSB plans region-wide ETT using a blended format (not the UAS course).
- YKHC has established protocols for doing BLS check-off via video-conferencing. (not using recording mannequins—instead utilizing video capabilities of zooming in to skills closely.
- There are several brands of CPR mannequins some have lights/sounds to provide immediate feedback, others can be networked to computers for more distant monitoring.
- CME: SREMS plans to develop a monthly synchronous webinar CME to be presented in the evening. They do not plan to record or distribute this for later viewing. (Cost to be determined)

State EMS Office:

- The 2014 revised Cold Injury Guidelines were presented at the EMS Symposium.
 - These are available on the State website: Alaska.gov>Health and Social Services > Public Health > Emergency Programs > EMS Downloads: Treatment Guidelines> Cold Injuries Guidelines-Multi Level (2014 version)
 - <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Documents/ems/documents/Alaska%20DHSS%20EMS%20Cold%20Injuries%20Guidelines%20June%202014.pdf>
 - NOTE: Some of this content differs from the 2006 CHAM (which was based on the 2005 Guidelines). Recommend ARC/eCHAM address this.
- Still working on the policies for internet-based computer testing for all State EMS exams. (Intended to improve efficiency, allow immediate feedback, and help ensure exam integrity.)
 - The EMT-1 written exams have been completely revised, to be consistent with the National Agenda objectives.
 - The National Agenda teaching is a higher “Bloom level”: more critical thinking skills, and not just hands-on skills or “technicians”. The new State Exam is formatted much like the National Registry exam: student needs to select the “most right” or “least wrong” answer, rather than a clearly correct answer. The State Office plans to assist with developing vocabulary lists, videos of some new/specific content, powerpoints, recommended websites, etc. (Contact the State Office if you have questions/concerns)
 - State is developing an on-line orientation to the new test process and implementation

- The State EMS website is being updated and revised, some new content has been added, but some information is still outdated.
 - For questions regarding EMS Data: EMSdata@alaska.gov
 - For questions regarding EMS Training: EMSTraining@alaska.gov
 - For questions regarding EMS Certification: hss.emt.cert@alaska.gov
 - For questions regarding EMS Awards: EMSAwards@alaska.gov
 - For questions regarding Ambulance Certification: EMSAmbulanceCert@alaska.gov
 - For questions regarding EMS for Children Programs: emscalaska@alaska.gov

2014 Alaska State EMS re-assessment by National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration The full report is available at the State EMS website:

Alaska.gov>Health and Social Services > Public Health > Emergency Programs > Emergency Medical Services Unit>2014 NHTSA Re-Assessment of the Alaska EMS System:

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Documents/ems/documents/2014%20Alaska%20EMS%20Reassessment%20Final%20Report%20May%202014.pdf>

Regulations changes:

While awaiting State finalization of Regulation changes, the State EMS Office has developed “Interim Guidance” to take effect 11/13/14 until further notice (see State EMS website for details), to include:

- Adoption of National EMS Education Standards core content for EMS courses
 - The State office is working on a transition course for EMT-1 Instructors
 - **NOTE:** Some of this content differs from the 2006 CHAM (e.g. use of tourniquet for bleeding control). Recommend ARC/eCHAM address this
- Suspension of written tests for recertification of EMT 1,2,3 beginning with Recertification for 12/31/14
- EMT-1 instructors must pass the new EMT-1 State Certification Exam by 3/31/15
- On-line Certification: all EMS providers need to create or claim an online account within the Alaska EMS Certification Management system. Instructions are on the State EMS website
 - <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/ems/default.aspx>
 - The On-line Certification system may be used for EMT-1 Recertifications expiring 12/31/14, and for initial EMT-1 Certifications

Alaska.gov>Health and Social Services > Public Health > Emergency Programs > Emergency Medical Services Unit>2014 EMS Interim Guidance:

[http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Documents/ems/documents/2014%20EMS%20Interim%20Guidance%20\(2\).pdf](http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Documents/ems/documents/2014%20EMS%20Interim%20Guidance%20(2).pdf)

State EMS Office anticipates the first batch of Regulation Changes (fundamentally the same as what was presented for Public Comment last spring) will be instituted in early 2015, and the next batch should go out for Public Comment in Spring 2015.

EMS Training Committee meetings proposed dates and locations:

Jan. 28, 29, 30 2015	Juneau (State offices)
April 28, 29, 30 2015	Fairbanks (IREMS)
September 29-Oct 1, 2015	Anchorage (SREMS)

www.akchap.org now has an EMS page (listed under “Library”) containing useful links to State and Regional sites, and these reports. Many thanks to Faith Mojin for setting this up.