

Report to CHAP Directors & ARC  
EMS Training Committee 1/13/10-1/15/10  
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**I suggest CHAP Directors consider arranging a meeting or teleconference to directly discuss your concerns/ideas with IPEMS EMS Training Coordinator Lee Parham [lee.parham@alaska.gov](mailto:lee.parham@alaska.gov) 465-5467 and Unit Manager Terry Olliff – [Terry.olliff@alaska.gov](mailto:Terry.olliff@alaska.gov) (907) 465-2262 early in 2010, to have input early into the proposed regulatory changes.**

**General Information:** The National EMS Agenda for the Future:  
The Training Committee discussed various aspects of implementing these national guidelines.

One suggestion is for Alaska to maintain the current ETT, EMT-I, II, III levels AND the new EMR, EMT, AEMT levels. This would enable us to keep our AK-specific training and testing, but also allow those who want national comity to have that option. Six or 7 levels of EMS could be confusing to administer, and there are no clear guidelines yet on how to regulate competency-based training. Since AK EMS levels do not require clinical experience, this would have to be arranged / documented. (Perhaps the universities would be interested in helping organize this?)

Apparently the final National EMS Agenda for the Future set minimum skill levels, but did not set caps—thus being interpreted to allow “optional modules” or additional skills for various levels. (For example, the new Brady Emergency Medical Responder textbook includes splinting and immobilization with c-collar and backboards—although these are not included in the National Agenda EMR scope of practice, skills list or curriculum.)

The National Registry says its exams will test only the new curriculum as of 1/1/2013. Exams will likely be offered at a few select computer sites around the state. Alaska will need to be including new curriculum in our classes. Ways to bridge the content/skills were discussed. One suggestion was that topics not in the AK curriculum could be offered to students as independent study.

Generally committee members wanted to keep ETT separate from the State certification. (ETT is not covered under current state regulations which establish certain “barrier crimes” that block someone from being certified as an EMT, and the state has considered including EMTs in the requirement to have background checks and fingerprints. The concern voiced was that these can be expensive procedures for volunteers, and some ETT volunteers, perhaps significant numbers, would be blocked by the barrier crimes.)

For more information on the National Agenda for the Future:  
[http://www.nasemsd.org/documents/FINALEMSSept2006\\_PMS314.pdf](http://www.nasemsd.org/documents/FINALEMSSept2006_PMS314.pdf)  
<http://www.nasemso.org/EMSEducationImplementationPlanning/documents/2009NASEMSOGapAnalysisTemplate.pdf>  
<http://www.ems.gov> National EMS Education Standards and Instructional Guidelines

Or [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov) ---Current Research in Progress---Emergency Medical Services---  
EMS Education Agenda for the Future, a System Approach  
National EMS Core Content  
National EMS Scope of Practice Model

I think the “Scope of Practice” document and the “Education Standards” document will be most useful to you, and easiest to skim for pertinent information.

To get on the list serve for up-to-date information about the EMS National Agenda for the Future, see the information copied below

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**Again, think about what works for you with the current AK EMS system, and what problems you foresee with implementing the EMS National Agenda for the Future, and I suggest CHAP Directors consider arranging a meeting or teleconference to directly discuss your concerns/ideas with IPEMS EMS Training Coordinator Lee Parham [lee.parham@alaska.gov](mailto:lee.parham@alaska.gov) 465-5467 and Unit Manager Terry Olliff – [Terry.olliff@alaska.gov](mailto:Terry.olliff@alaska.gov) (907) 465-2262 early in 2010, to have input early into the proposed regulatory changes.**

### **EMS CME and Training:**

Training Committee Distance Delivery Subcommittee will meet Mon. 3/29 evening in Fairbanks. SEREMS is still working with UAS on distance ETT.

ETT written test revision is in draft form, soon to be completed.

Gordon Giesbrecht ("Dr Popsicle") the hypothermia expert from Manitoba is invited to the SEREMS 2011 symposium in 4/11. He's a great speaker.

"Big Wild Heart of Alaska"— The Loren Marshall Foundation has proposed training every 8<sup>th</sup> grader in CPR, beginning in Anch & the Mat-Su and extending throughout the state. This teaches Hands-only CPR on inexpensive mannequins. Kits include inflatable mannequins, DVD and instructions. You do not need to be a AHA CPR instructor to teach this. There are adult and infant kits. This might be a good idea for CHA/Ps to have in the clinics. He is interested in talking or having a table at the CHAP Forum. (see <http://cpr-alaska.org> James Foster)

### **Regulations changes:**

Some suggestions from EMS Training Committee: remove requirements for patient contacts after EMT-II and as pre-req for EMT-III. And remove requirement for a medical director to sign the application for EMT-II or III status---so someone could take the course and be certified, but would need a sponsoring medical director before they could actually work/function as a II or III.

### **EMS Training Committee meetings proposed dates and locations:**

March	29-April 1	2010	Fairbanks
Sept	29-Oct 1	2010	Anchorage
Jan	26-Jan 28	2011	Juneau