

Report to CHAP Directors & ARC  
EMS Training Committee 3/29/2010-4/1/2010  
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**General Information:** The National EMS Agenda for the Future:

There was not much additional discussion at the Training Committee meeting on this topic. Lee Parham, State EMS Training Coordinator, did confirm that the final National EMS Agenda for the Future set *minimum* skill levels, but did not set caps—interpreted to allow “optional modules” or additional skills for various levels. (For example, the new Brady Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) textbook includes splinting and immobilization with c-collar and backboards—although these skills are not included in the National Agenda EMR scope of practice, skills list or curriculum.)

The National EMS Agenda for the Future Advanced EMT (AEMT) level includes skills similar to the current Alaska EMT-2 skills, however the AEMT also includes a lot more cognitive objectives and clinical objectives, thus requiring more time—it would not be a simple straight transition from teaching the current AK EMT-2 to teaching AEMT.

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 issues you foresee with implementing the EMS National Agenda for the Future, You can address your concerns/ideas with the EMS Training Coordinator Lee Parham [lee.parham@alaska.gov](mailto:lee.parham@alaska.gov) 465-5467 and Acting EMS Unit Manager Shelley Owens [Shelley.owens@alaska.gov](mailto:Shelley.owens@alaska.gov) (907) 465-2262.**

Training Committee members again expressed the desire to keep ETT separate from the State EMS certification process.

(CHAP Directors expressed this same opinion in their teleconference 3/9/10.)

(Current State regulations establish certain “barrier crimes” to being certified as an EMT, and the State has considered requiring EMTs to have background checks and fingerprints. The concern has been that these can be expensive procedures for volunteers, and some ETT volunteers, perhaps significant numbers, might be blocked by the barrier crimes restrictions.)

**State EMS Office Changes:**

Terry Orloff resigned as EMS Unit Manager, and the position opening was posted the week of 4/24-5/3 (Shelley Owens is acting manager 465-2622 or 465-3486).

The Section of Injury Prevention and EMS (IPEMS, formerly Community Health and EMS--CHEMS) has been restructured. It will now be the "Emergency Programs Services" (EPS). There are 3 Units within this new Section of "EPS":

- Emergency Preparedness and Response: Medical/Health responses to disasters or emergencies, including things like H1N1 and floods--based in Anchorage
- Emergency Medical Services: EMT I, II, III training and certification--based in Juneau
- Trauma: a new Unit that grew out of the recommendations from the 11/08 American College of Surgeons review of the Alaska trauma system. Will coordinate trauma management as a statewide system--based in Juneau (I think)

Sally Abbott, ANP is the new EPS Section Chief; [sally.abbott@alaska.gov](mailto:sally.abbott@alaska.gov)

Phone: (907) 334-2274 FAX: (907) 269-0036 (She was formerly the Unit Manager for Emergency Preparedness and Response).

Injury Prevention has been moved to another section within the Division of Public Health.

**EMS CME and Training:**

SEREMS is still working with UAS on distance ETT. Goal now June 2010 to be ready.

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

**Regulations changes:**

No date offered for Regulation changes, but it is among the top priorities for the new EPS Section.

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

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

Thanks to CHAP Directors, I was able to extend my trip in Fairbanks and attend the Interior Region EMS Symposium. The presentations were interesting and worthwhile; I had a chance to network with some Interior folks, and to see Margie Ambrose CHP, Jana Sam CHP, Alberta Vent CHA, and Timothy Pavlick VPSO and the community of Huslia recognized for their exceptional, successful efforts resuscitating a patient with severe hypothermia.

I also managed to speak directly, though briefly, with Sally Abbott about CHAP concerns regarding the National EMS Agenda for the Future; she acknowledged that she is still in the information-gathering phase of her new position, and wants to hear peoples' ideas.