

General Information: The National EMS Agenda for the Future:

No new information at the State level regarding if or when Alaska might adopt these.

Nationally, proposed implementation dates are for the National Registry EMT exams to begin using the new curricula and formats June 2011 for the new Advanced EMT (AEMT) and January 2012 for the new Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Alaska uses exams written by the State EMS Training Committee, reflecting the current national curriculum with additional Alaska-specific content. Some EMTs opt to also take the National Registry exam at the same time they take the State of AK exam.

(www.nasemso.org)—the major EMS text book publishers have already printed new editions covering the proposed curricula or will have them out in 2011, Alaska instructors interested in using these, to avoid having to develop their own materials.

EMS Regional Directors and Training Committee think the National curriculum could be interpreted to allow simulated patients instead of actual clinical/ambulance time. If this is the case, the adoption of the National Agenda would be less onerous.

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State EMS Office: Significant changes

- Commissioner Bill Hogan submitted his resignation.
- (Chief Medical Officer/Director of Public Health - Ward Hurlburt - remains)
- Chief of Emergency Programs (Preparedness/EMS/Trauma) - Sally Abbott - resigned 11/12/10
- Emergency Medical Services Unit Manager - Shelly Owens - remains (since +/-June)
- EMS Training Coordinator - Lee Parham - remains.
- New Certification Specialist – Quinn Sharkey

So, just as EMT-1 recertification is due, there are empty positions and new people, and uncertainty about who will fill the top Commissioner position and the Division Director position.

A group of Regional Coordinators and State people met and made recommendations to try to streamline the certification process, including looking at what a new computer program could do (and possible funding sources). The current budget does not allow re-certifications on-line.

Regulations changes:

No date offered for Regulation changes.

EMS CME and Training:

- SEREMS is still working with UAS on distance ETT. They have a draft version that is being reviewed now, with hopes now of having it available for the spring semester.
- Distance Delivery subcommittee of Training Committee met and recommends:
 - Distance didactic material be held to the same scrutiny as face-to-face competence
 - Skills—either do in-person or see if some could be done by video conference
 - Suggest State consider certified “skills coach” who is not a fully trained EMS instructor, but has been certified to teach and evaluate hands-on skills. These “skills coaches” could be used in distance settings or in large group face-to-face classes.
 - Also consider using these “skills coaches” for Recertification skill sign off (Currently to Re-certify an EMT needs 48 hrs CME, take the written exam and have skills signed off. It can be problematic finding an EMT instructor who is available for the Skill sign-off in a village.)
- SEREMS Symposium 4/15/11-4/16/11 Will include a review of the state Cold Injury Guidelines.
- Training Committee asked ACHEMS to consider review and revision of the other State Guidelines on Trauma, Head Injuries and Delayed Transport.

EMS Training Committee meetings proposed dates and locations:

- Jan 26-Jan 28 2011 Juneau
- April 19-April 21 2011 Fairbanks
- Sept 28-Sept 30 2011 Anchorage