

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).

Training Committee is trying to align Regulation Change proposals so levels in Alaska system will be similar to National Guidelines (easing comity).

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State EMS Office: Stabilizing

Regulations changes:

Much of the meeting was spent trying to determine workable scope of practice and skill levels to better meet the needs of Alaskan communities. Goals included trying to decrease the number of "expanded scope" applications, making training and testing of skills more uniform, and making EMT-3 easier to obtain and maintain for residents of smaller communities. The proposal is currently for ETT, 4 levels of EMT and Paramedic.

ETT: fundamentally unchanged from the current skills and scope

EMT-1: Basic life support skills (as per the National Guidelines included in their EMR and EMT). Would also include assisting pt with certain pt prescribed meds, O2, glucometer. Still debating if Blind Insertion Advanced Airway device (BIAD: LMA, King Airway etc.) would be included as standard training at this level, or as optional skill that could be applied for and standard at EMT-2 (which would be more congruent with National scope).

Note: EMT-1 could perform these skills without needing a direct physician medical director, and without being a member of a state-certified squad.

EMT-2: EMT-1 skills/scope plus IVs, BIAD, a few drugs IM, CPAP

EMT-3: EMT-2 skills/scope plus Epi, opiate, anti-dysrhythmic, NTG, Countershock V-fib & V-tach, monitor 3-lead

EMT-4: EMT-3 skills/scope plus ET intubation & suctioning, FB airway obstruction (McGill), 12 lead EKG interpretation, some drugs, cardioversion, pacing, Capnography

These suggestions from Training Committee will be submitted to the State Office of EMS, be reviewed and adjusted by the attorney general's office, and eventually be published for public comment. I will let you know when that occurs—so you can make comments about how this proposal would work for your regions and agencies.

EMS CME and Training:

- SEREMS is still working with UAS on distance (hybrid) ETT. They have a draft version that is being reviewed now, with hopes of having it available soon.
- Distance Delivery subcommittee of Training Committee will be researching how other states use, train, evaluate and/or certify “skills coaches” / “assistant instructors”.
- Currently the University’s hybrid EMT-1 course through Mat-Su is offered in the fall semester. Students do the didactic on line, and come in every other weekend for skills training. They have not had students from outside of the region yet.
- 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.
- Next SREMS Symposium will be in Anchorage 11/09/11-11/12/11. Think about nominations for awards—they are accepted through September. See state website: <http://www.ems.alaska.gov/ACHEMS/awards/default.htm>

EMS Training Committee meetings proposed dates and locations:

- April 19-April 21 2011 Fairbanks
- Sept 28-Sept 30 2011 Anchorage
- Jan 25-Jan 27 2112 Juneau (tentative)