

Report to CHAP Directors & ARC
EMS Training Committee Meeting 4/19/11-4/21/11
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General Information: The National EMS Agenda for the Future: No new information.

Training Committee is trying to align Regulation Change proposals so the levels in the Alaska system will be similar to the National Guidelines, but still manageable for Alaska's situation.

To get on the list serve for up-to-date information about the EMS National Agenda for the Future:

Individuals and organizational representatives, including those who are not members of NASEMSO, are invited to subscribe to NASEMSO's EMS Education Agenda Implementation List Serve. To subscribe to the list, users will have to send an email to lyris@lists.nasemso.org with the subject of the email containing "subscribe ems education agenda implementation nasemso 2009" (without the quotation marks.) When you send an email, you will get an email back asking to confirm their email address. The subscribing member will simply need to reply to the email in order to be added as a member.

State EMS Office: Division Chief position over Preparedness/Trauma/EMS still vacant. (EMTs were given automatic certification extensions, to give State office time to catch up.)

Regulations changes:

State now planning to request limited Regulations changes, asked Training Committee for a prioritized short list. I will let you know when limited changes are out for public comment.

I suggest that anyone interested review the current Regulations, and send any pressing concerns to me or to your regional EMS coordinator.

EMS CME and Training:

- SEREMS Board discussed the future of ETT, and decided to keep it, and to continue to focus on the needs of rural communities.
 - They will be reviewing and revising the course Objectives, Curriculum and Book.
 - Comments/ suggestions are welcome. Contact Anjela Johnston at education@serems.org
- 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.
- SEREMS Symposium 4/15/11-4/16/11 included a review of the state Cold Injury Guidelines, hope to have draft changes this year. Also looking at Prolonged Transport Guidelines.
- Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) will be trying a hybrid EMT-3 class this summer, using a sophisticated camera system—will see how it works and what might be more widely applicable.
- KPC planning to offer a Methods of Instruction (MOI) class this summer (required to become an ETT or EMT instructor)
- Voted to recommend removing limit on # of hours of CME that can be done by self-study or distance. (But retaining recertification requirement of skills check off/practical and written exam.)
- Next SREMS Symposium will be in Anchorage 11/09/11-11/12/11. Send nominations for awards to the state EMS office at: <http://www.ems.alaska.gov/ACEMS/awards/default.htm>

EMS Testing:

Worked on a cost-saving short-term solution for the EMT written exams conflicting with the 2010 AHA Guidelines.

Future EMS Training Committee meetings proposed dates and locations:

- Sept 28-Sept 30 2011 Anchorage
- Jan 25-Jan 27 2112 Juneau (tentative)

Next Meeting Agenda will include:

- Review/Revise Practical Exams
- Review CME Requirements—Categories, hours, media, approval process, etc.
- Updates/Ongoing education for Instructors

Comments/Suggestions encouraged.