

EMS Awards:

2011 EMS Provider Award was given to Brianne Gologergen and Danielle Reynolds, CHAs from Savoonga. "This award is given to honor a medically trained person who performs meritorious service beyond the expectations of the job. Brianne and Danielle were selected by the Governor's Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services in recognition of their life-saving care to a patient with a gunshot wound in December 2010. Due to a winter storm and icing conditions, planes were not flying and the patient was unable to be transported to a hospital. Dr. Alin Ledford, by video link, talked them through the surgical procedure for inserting a chest tube using field equipment. This skill exceeds that of an ETT/CHA II, and they displayed great courage during this life-saving intervention." Shelley Owens, State EMS Unit Manager

General Information: The National EMS Agenda for the Future:

No new information at the State level regarding if /when Alaska might adopt these. Training Committee will work on templates for bridge classes, as required for National Registry for those wanting to maintain National Registry certification as well as Alaskan certification.

State EMS Office: Significant changes

- Chief of Emergency Programs (Preparedness/EMS/Trauma) - Elizabeth Robison MS Public Administration/Health Care Admin, working in Alaska, Wyoming, United Kingdom. Most recently with AK DHSS-Health Care Services Health Information Technology Program Office.
- Emergency Medical Services Unit Manager - Shelly Owens - (since 6/10)
- EMS Training Coordinator - Jim Gaines (formerly EMT in Mat-Su, YKHC, Aurora North EMS, flight paramedic, director of EMS, Paramedic program director with Teton Valley Health Care in Idaho)
- EMS Data Program Manager - Quinn Sharkey (formerly the Certification Specialist)

Regulations changes:

No new information

Training Committee: Discussion of the Committee's role with the State EMS office and the Governor's Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services (ACEMS) and expectations. Much of what the Training Committee would like to revise and update is set in Regulation, which have not been changed since 2002.

EMS CME and Training:

- Guidelines updated, accepting more distance delivery
- Kenai Peninsula College presented information on an EMT-3 class and testing done with two-way video conferencing. This appears to have great potential, and the committee will address the process in our next Certifying Officer manual update.
- Alaska Cold Injury Guidelines were reviewed at SEREMS Symposium 4/11 , these are being finalized.

EMS Training Committee meetings proposed dates and locations:

- Jan 25-Jan 27 2012 Juneau
- May 01-May 03 2012 Fairbanks
- Sept 26-Sept 28 2012 Anchorage