

Report to CHAP Directors & ARC
EMS Training Committee 1/25/12-1/27/12
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General Information: The National EMS Agenda for the Future:

Training Committee will work on revising curriculum and objectives of Alaska EMT-I, EMT-II, EMT-III to align with National Guidelines, without requiring unwieldy clinicals.

State EMS Office: (General information and responses to CHAP Dir. Inquiries)

Staff is stabilizing, but still understaffed. Vacant still: Certification specialist and Certification Assistant, so everyone else is helping with certification processing.

Re-certifications are being given priority. New certifications are taking +/- 4-6 weeks. (Less than ½ of applications are complete when received, which further delays the process.)

Section Chief, Trauma division and Prevention divisions are based in Anchorage; EMS in Juneau

Website has been updated to be easier to use. Contact information will be listed by job title, not individual name. (I suggested adding information regarding what the person in each job is responsible for or tasks they generally do, to help direct inquiries.)

To verify an EMT's current certification no password is required, this is public information.

CHAP staff could apply (via the website <http://hss.state.ak.us/dph/emergency/listserv.htm>) to be on a List Serve, to get regular email regarding funding opportunities and other information which is screened through the State office and dispersed to interested parties. List Serves include: General, Administrators, Air Medical, Ambulance, EMS for Children, Data, Instructors, MCI plan, Medical Directors, Response newsletter.

New (1/2012) contact information to help route questions:

For Certification questions or information, send inquiries to: hss.emt.cert@alaska.gov

For Training questions, course approvals, other information: hss.emt.training@alaska.gov

Legal issues regarding an individual EMT involve a very long process. Questions or concerns should be addressed in writing to the EMS Unit Manager. No specifics will be disclosed to the employer until a final decision is made, then a certified letter is sent to the applicant and employer.

Regulations changes:

EMS: James Gaines, new EMS Training Coordinator, stated there will be major regulation changes this year. He is working on these, to incorporate the changes to make Alaska training congruent with the National Agenda for the Future, so students may continue to have the option to test for both State and National certification.

The plan is to have ETT remain under SEREMS, separate from the State certification process.

Other scope of practice parameters are still being determined.

Regulation changes are currently anticipated to be ready for public comment this summer, to be in effect in 2013.

Trauma Division:

Developing criteria for Level 5 Trauma Centers, which would be specialized or sub-regional clinics (certification might enable eligibility for certain funding)

Will be working with Elmendorf and UAA on simulation labs (esp mass casualty) and offering trauma training for some rural surgeons.

EMS CME and Training:

- CHAP Distance Delivery is considering developing EMS CME tailored to CHAP needs (at the request of one region)
- UAS has started offering the distance (hybrid) ETT. (KANA and BBAHC?)
 - Instructor contacts SEREMS, who makes the contact with UAS. \$25 fee for instructor orientation
 - Student cost is \$230 for this non-credit course. Includes on-line access and ETT book
 - The last 16 hours of the course are hands-on, not on-line

Regional EMS Reports of interest:

Some regions are looking into paid village responder squads, to ensure reliable coverage
Question of how to get people in the community interested in being EMS service squad leaders
(recognition that CHA/Ps are often too busy with other responsibilities to take this on)

EMS Training Committee meetings proposed dates and locations:

- May 02-May 04 2012 Fairbanks (subcommittee on curriculum etc. 4/30-5/1)
- Sept 26-Sept 28 2012 Anchorage
- Jan 2013 Juneau?