

**Report to CHAP Directors & ARC  
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[Note: The EMS Training Committee will meet Sept 25-Sept 27 2013.  
It has not met since my report 5/2013. Please see that report also.  
This report is an update on several topics of interest to CHAP]

**Training for and use of MAST Pants in CHAP Basic Training:**

At the request of the Curriculum Review Committee of the Academic Review Committee (ARC), I solicited input from the directors of ANMC's Emergency department and trauma surgery; and the State EMS Medical Director regarding whether or not we should be teaching use of PASG/MAST to Health Aides. I sent them excerpts from the CHAM where MAST pants are included: indications and instructions on use.

Dr Sacco, head of trauma surgery stated that he "would discontinue MAST Training." He thought "there is no good evidence to support the continued use" and was not in favor of continuing to spend time training on MAST or money to maintain the equipment. (The others were cc'd on this response, and no one offered a dissenting opinion)

We will await ARC's recommendations and any changes to the curriculum.

**"Spinal Protection" –v- "Spinal Immobilization"**

The end of July, the State EMS office forwarded an announcement from the Anchorage Fire Department that they were moving to a "spinal protection" model for trauma patients. Rather than routinely applying c-collar and strapping to a long spine board, they would use less restrictive, more patient-specific techniques. The website below contains a lot of supporting research: <http://www.acphd.org/emtpara/edutrain/spineinjuryresources.aspx>

Dr. Ken Zafren, State EMS Medical Director said The State of Alaska has not yet specifically endorsed the AFT protocols, "because there has been no official review.", however he agrees with the protocols in general. Long spine boards are really only indicated for transport: the patient should be removed from the board in the emergency department as soon as possible. Additionally, vacuum mattresses are recommended over traditional hard long boards, because they conform to the patient shape, provide more effective immobilization with less risk of pressure sores and may be warmer.

I have inquired of the ANMC Trauma service what they recommend for CHA/Ps.

I expect to have an update on this after the EMS Training Committee meeting in Sept.

**Regulations changes:**

No new information since 5/22/13 report

**EMS Training and CME:**

CME Certification Specialist/Acting Training Coordinator (Carin Marter) has been sending course listing updates to the EMS Instructor list serve, since the State EMS Website is not functioning accurately. (Contact her if questions: [hss.emt.cert@alaska.gov](mailto:hss.emt.cert@alaska.gov) [emsdata@alaska.gov](mailto:emsdata@alaska.gov) )

The 2013 EMS Symposium agenda and registration came out 9/4/13: an overview and instructions for on-line registration are at [http://www.sremsc.org/PDFs/Response\\_Newsletter\\_2013.pdf](http://www.sremsc.org/PDFs/Response_Newsletter_2013.pdf)

Additional information is available at the Southern Region EMS website:

<http://www.sremsc.org/Pages/Symposium.html> . Note: New policy for CME: Registration badges will be scanned before and after each presentation for participants to obtain CME credit.

Application has been made to the CHAP CB for CHA CME credit for the Clinical Track (the non-Clinical Track presentations are already pre-approved for State EMS purposes).

**State EMS Office:**

- Personnel changes:
  - (Shelley K. Owens State EMS Unit Manager retired 7/31/13 after 13 years with the State)— the State is recruiting for this position.
  - Quinn Sharkey RN, BSPH, CEM ; Acting EMS Unit Manager/EMS Data Manager
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  - Mark Miller, M.S., NREMT-P who has accepted the position of Program Manager for EMS-C program (EMS for children) Office (907)465-8633 [mark.miller@alaska.gov](mailto:mark.miller@alaska.gov)
  
- Caution: the State website is out of date for many things.

**EMS Training Committee meetings proposed dates and locations:**

Sept 25, 2013-Sept 27, 2013	Anchorage
Jan ? 2014	Juneau