

**Report to CHAP Directors & ARC
EMS Training Committee 4/28/15-4/30/15
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State EMS Office:

- EMS Week May 17-23. Friday 5/22 EMS for Children day.
- The State EMS Office is interested in working more closely with CHAP.
 - They would like to know how they can contribute to CHAP, what does the CHAP program need from them?
 - There is some interest in the State EMS office and ACEMS about “community paramedicine”, an international movement within EMS to train EMS responders (not necessarily at the Paramedic level) in some preventive and primary care skills, to better utilize resources and provide broader care in underserved areas. It is said to be based on the CHAP model.
 - The State wants to see how we can work collaboratively to provide the best care in remote and rural communities around Alaska
 - Please think about current financial and training pressures and send me your ideas of how CHAP and Statewide EMS can collaborate to provide care.
- The State has excess BSI supply kits (gloves/goggles) from Preparedness, which will expire so they are interested in dispersing. (I will inquire about procurement process.)
- Adoption of National EMS Education Standards core content for EMS courses
 - The State office is working on a transition course for EMT-1 Instructors
 - CHAP NOTE: Some of this content differs from the 2006 CHAM. I Recommend ARC/eCHAM address this-see attachment.
- New Emergency Programs Section Director: Andy Jones, formerly Preparedness Unit Chief. Has some familiarity with CHAP: spent time in several villages during his work on climate change in Palin administration.
- The Section of Emergency Programs (Preparedness/Trauma/EMS) is working on long-term strategic plan; hope to have finished by fall 2015.
- On-line Certification: all EMS providers need an on-line account within the Alaska EMS Certification Management system. Instructions are on the State EMS website
 - The on-line Certification system was implemented 12/2014, with EMT-1 initial and recertifications and certification of ambulance services.
 - Recertification notices are now sent to EMTs via their email account on Image Trend.
 - By next year the State hopes to have accessible data about # of providers at each levels (ETT through Paramedic), locations, services etc.
- The Section will now be able to update their own website; it should become more current.
- Implementing internet-based computer testing for all State EMS exams.
 - The EMT-1 written exams have been completely revised, to be consistent with the National Agenda objectives.
 - The National Agenda teaching has a higher “Bloom level”: more critical thinking skills, and not just hands-on skills or “technicians”. The new State Exam is formatted much like the National Registry exam: student needs to select the “most right” or “least wrong” answer, rather than a clearly correct answer. Will be used state-wide 2/2015.
 - The State Office has developed vocabulary lists, videos of some new/specific content, powerpoints, recommended websites, practice tests, etc. These will be distributed to EMS instructors (and eventually available on-line).
 - State is developing an on-line orientation to the new test process and implementation has begun.
 - Now using EMS National Registry test sheets for Psychomotor exams, but NOT considered a “National Registry state” i.e. not using their didactic exam system, which has registered testing sites and would limit access for small rural communities.

- Working on several additional projects:
 - Improved training and communication with Medical Directors
 - Implementation of recommendations made in the NHTSA report (see state website)
 - Availability of CME and Refresher courses
- ACEMS would like nominations for EMS Awards early. See "EMS Awards" section on State EMS website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/acems/awards/default.aspx>

Regulations changes:

- Please see the official summary of these Regulations on the State EMS website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/ems/default.aspx>. Implemented 12/2014.
- The State EMS Office anticipates the next batch of Regulation changes will focus on EMS Training issues and should go out for Public Comment in 2015

EMS Training and CME:

- IREMS: www.iremsc.org
 - will have week 2 of Methods of Instruction course in June for Instructors.
 - Looking into a blended EMT class for fire dept. UAF has been doing these.
- ETT: www.srems.org
 - 9th Edition ETT book is completed. Contact Thor 907-747-8005 at SEREMS
 - Working on Instructor materials will be available on-line (scenarios, sample schedules, etc.)
 - Revising ETT policies, on-line registration. Will continue to be a Registration process (not Certification), SEREMS will manage this more closely
 - Renewal: 16 hours Continuing Education and perform Skills verification (will no longer need to repeat the written exam)
 - Working with UAS to update the hybrid course, goal to finish by fall 2015
 - Note: YK recently taught revised ETT, and found it needed minimum 50 hrs.
- NSHC: Working on asynchronous CHAP PreSession and Air-Medevac courses.
- Southern Region EMS www.sremsc.org
 - Symposium Nov 4-7 2015 in Anchorage
 - Taught a half day of new EMS skills at CHAP Forum
 - Investigating how to support instructor QA/QI
- Univ of Alaska:
 - Revising their EMT course curriculum guidelines, will probably increase university credit from 6 to 8 credits
 - Plan to teach National Standards AEMT, and no longer offer EMT-2 or EMT-3
 - Justin Yurong, new at UAF Paramedic program, is very interested in doing research on EMS in Alaska— what are the needs, what is effective, etc. Also interested in expanding distance Paramedic training.

EMS Training Committee meetings proposed dates and locations:

September	22, 23, 24 2015	Anchorage (SREMS)—NOTE Change in dates
January	27, 28, 29 2016	Anchorage
May	3, 4, 5 2016	Anchorage

And monthly teleconferences 2nd Wednesday each month at 2:00 pm