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Message from the Chief

It's been the Bureau's practice for many years to provide a document for the NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Coordinating Board and the Medical Control Board at their bimonthly meetings. The document was a snapshot of what's going on in the Bureau. We thought we'd change the format up a little bit, and also send it out to the Units. Bear with it as we tweak it for awhile, and your feedback is certainly welcome.

-Clay Odell, Bureau Chief
NH Bureau of EMS

NOTICE

The NH Bureau of EMS is deeply saddened to report the death of Paramedic Harold Frey. He died following an ice-rescue training exercise with Sandown Fire Department on January 16, 2011. Harold was a paramedic with Care Plus Ambulance and a firefighter, most recently with Sandown, and previously with the Epping Fire Department. He leaves behind three daughters and his girlfriend. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Field Services

NEW Provider License Application On-Line!

A newly formatted EMS Provider License Application can be found on the Divisions web site, on the Bureau of EMS page under "News and Events" or "Documents and Forms", "Licensing" link. Please destroy all other EMS License Applications that you may have in your files (electronic or hard copy). As of this posting, this is the only acceptable application for Provider licensure in New Hampshire.

The licensing packets for all Providers currently licensed in New Hampshire that hold a National Registry card expiring on 3/31/2011, are in the mail.

The packet includes the following:

1. cover letter explaining the licensing process,
2. the NEW EMS Provider License Application,
3. Protocol Exam instructions.

Please note that copies of CPR cards are no longer necessary to submit to the Bureau for licensure.

Protocol Exam

All certification levels required to complete a protocol exam (EMT-B, EMT-I & EMT-P) for licensure can take the exam on-line at

<http://eproex.nhoodle.com>.

Instructions for taking the exam are located on the site and are in the mailing for the 3/31/2011 Expiring Providers that was recently sent out. Unlike past years, the individual taking the exam WILL BE REQUIRED to print-off and mail in the certificate of completion (available once you pass the exam) with the EMS Provider License Application.

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Research and Quality Management Section

The Bureau of EMS will be conducting a statewide EMS survey in February. A consultant has been hired to administer and compile the actual survey. A similar survey was conducted in 2003 on paper, however, this updated survey will be conducted through a secure website and each NH EMS unit will get their own unique login to the survey.

This survey will provide important information to the NHBEMS, EMS Coordinating Board and Rural Health program funding to benefit EMS in NH. We strongly encourage EMS Unit leaders to take the time to participate in this survey and help benefit EMS in NH.

As of January 15, 2011 the Bureau licensing numbers are:

Apprentice:	16
First Responders:	227
NH EMT-B:	67
NREMT-B:	2301
EMT-I:	1378
EMT-P:	800
Total:	

We have 142 I/C's.
There are 306 licensed Units.

Education Section

Recertification Reminders

- Refresher Season; Plenty of Exams Available
- NH Requires NH BEMS authorized RTP
- Refresher Exams should be taken before March 6th
- Practical Exam Registration must be made at least 10 days before exam

Field Training / Bureau Sponsored Continuing Education

- New Topic/Series starting in March “Geriatric Patients”
- Pre-Registration is Required – See the Course & Exam Schedule for more details
- A minimum of 10 people must register for each session or the session will be cancelled

ALS Practical Exams

- New Rules = New Registration Process
- Registration Form on website for exams in February or after
- Must register for ALS Practical Exam at least 15 days before exam
- Questions about ALS Exam process should be directed to Education Specialist Karen Louis

Paramedic Interfacility Transfer (PIFT)

Beginning with the 2011 Protocols, paramedic level interfacility transfers will now require EMS prerequisite permission. The NH Bureau of EMS will be offering PIFT Train-the-trainer for EMS Unit administrators or those people who will be the clinical oversight of an EMS's transfer operations.



Trauma hospital site visits will begin in February.

Advanced Life Support System

2011 NH Patient Care Protocols are on the Way!

The NH Bureau of EMS will be offering Protocol Rollouts on the following dates:

Region 1: New London Hospital	February 14, 2011
Region 2: Southern NH Medical Center	March 24, 2011
Cheshire Medical Center	March 21, 2011
Region 3: Frisbee Memorial Hospital	February 28, 2011
Region 4: NH Fire Academy	March 28, 2011
Speare Memorial Hospital	March 15, 2011
Region 5: Androscoggin Valley Hospital	February 24, 2011
Littleton Regional Hospital	March 14, 2011

There will be two sessions each date: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm and 7:00pm – 10:00pm.

At a minimum an EMS training officer from each NH EMS Unit should attend a NH Bureau of EMS sponsored Protocol Rollout. They may then bring the program back to their providers. ALL EMS providers must be oriented to the new protocols before practicing.