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Message from the Chief

NH EMS Provider Recognition Day was established by the NH Legislature in 2008. On Saturday May 7th we celebrated the 3rd annual observation of this event. A ceremony was held at the State House in Concord with a reading of proclamations and remarks from several Legislators and EMS leaders. Pictures of the event can be found below.

The NH Association of EMT's arranged for the dedication of the NH Fisher Cats baseball game Saturday afternoon, and the 2010 NH EMT of the Year, Lolly Gilbert of Washington Rescue, threw out the first pitch.

I would personally like to express my sincere appreciation for the untold hours our state's EMS providers dedicate to serving their communities.

-Clay Odell, Bureau Chief
NH Bureau of EMS



As of April 2011 the Bureau licensing numbers are:

11	Apprentices
236	First Responders
66	NH EMT's
2,136	NREMT-Basics
1,358	EMT - Intermediates
783	Paramedics

Total: 4,729

139	I/C's
134	Non-Transport Units
174	Transporting Units

Field Services

National EMS Week:

"EMS: Everyday Heroes" is the theme of the 2011 National EMS Week, May 15 – 21, 2011. Many NH hospitals and EMS Units will be recognizing their providers with events during the month of May. The Bureau recognizes each licensed EMS Unit by sending certificates of recognition with the hope that each Head of Unit will post the certificate for all to read.

Wheelchair Van Inspections:

During the months of May/June, wheelchair vans-for-hire inspections will begin. The inspection team attended a training session at the Concord site of Granite State Independent Living, this gave the Inspectors greater knowledge of what to expect in a properly equipped, fully functioning wheel chair van including the lifts and chair restraints. Nine Companies have applied for licensure including 73 individual vans. More are expected to be applying in the future.

Education Section

Implementation of the National EMS Education Standards

With the 2011 refresher season behind us the Education Section has shifted the Education Standards implementation project into high gear. April 1, 2012 is the target date for the start of the implementation. The phase-in to new certification classifications and courses will take place over a three year period and will be completed through the refresher process. Watch for more information as the summer progresses.

Practical Examinations

The 2011 refresher season (4/2010 to 3/2011) included 94 practical exams that tested 2,478 candidates. Thank you to our Exam Coordinators, Evaluators and Site Coordinators for their diligence which produced these successful exams.

Instructor/Coordinator Seminar

The spring edition of the biannual I/C Seminar will be June 2nd in Concord and June 3rd in Gorham. "Helping Struggling Students" will be presented by Paul MacMillan, Superintendent of SAU #35 (Littleton). The registration deadline is May 18th and pre-registration is required. See the [Course & Exam](#) Schedule for more details.

Advanced Life Support System

2011 Protocols: All providers should have completed their 2011 NH Patient Care Protocol rollouts; if you are still in need of a rollout contact your training officer.

The sixth and final Paramedic Interfacility Transport (PIFT) train the trainer was held at the Mount Sunapee EMS Conference on April 29, 2011. More than 50 agencies have had representation at the trainings. PIFT training and administration material is now available at www.NHOODLE.com

The drafts of the transition modules for glucagon, nitroglycerin, and nitrous oxide for EMT – Intermediates have been forwarded to the Medical Control Board for approval. Train the trainers will be set up soon.

Trauma & Emergency Preparedness

At the suggestion of the Trauma Medical Review Committee the NH Bureau of EMS in cooperation with Dartmouth Medical School is conducting a study to determine the practicality of a full-body vacuum mattress device for the immobilization of trauma patients. Ten vacuum spine boards (VSB) have been purchased using rural health funds and 14 EMS Units are participating in the study.

The devices have been proven to provide a higher level of immobilization with much greater comfort to the patient. What we'd like to see is whether the device is practical for everyday use by EMS providers. The study will be completed in the summer of 2012.

Research and Quality Management Section

The NH EMS Managers Training Program is being offered on June 3,4,5,10,17 at the NH Fire Academy. The program is designed for managers of EMS organizations, especially those organizations that serve rural areas. The topics include: leadership & management, human resources, system finance, clinical issues, communication & information systems, education systems, public information, education & relations, and logistic and operations topics. The application for the program is available on the NHBEMS website.

A gentle reminder to all EMS services, both transporting and non-transporting: Administrative Rules changes last fall require that an EMS Incident Report (EMSIR) must be submitted electronically for ALL EMS incidents to the TEMSIS system within 24 hours of the incident. This includes all 911 calls, regardless of the disposition. It also includes ALL interfacility and medical transport calls, both emergent and non-emergent. Services who are entering EMSIR's using software other than TEMSIS must transmit that data into the TEMSIS system from their every 24 hours. Please contact the TEMSIS staff if you have any questions.