



Central Iowa EMS Directors

Wednesday, September 15, 2011, 1330

Training Committee Meeting Notes

In attendance: Frank Prowant, Ankeny FD, Rob Chiappano, Ankeny FD, Lee Richardson, Mercy College, TJ Carroll, DMACC, Chris Perrin, MGMC

1. **Training Program Updates** were received from all three training programs.
2. **EMS Safety Class** – Lee Richardson recently attended the NAEMT EMS Safety Class (<http://www.naemt.org/education/EMSSafety/EMSSafety.aspx>). He plans to integrate the program into Mercy college courses. He also thinks we need to consider bringing the course to central Iowa. Since they are rolling out the program we may be able to bring it in at a low cost. Lee will check on the program availability and report back.
3. **FY2011 Grant Funds** – Frank Prowant
 - a. 20 ACLS Textbooks are available for check out through Polk County EMA Office
 - b. MCI Manikins are also available at the EMA Office.
4. **NREMT Refresher**, James Sargent (No report)
 - a. Dates: Basic = January 13, 14 & 15, 2012
 - b. Advanced = January 27, 28 & 29, 2012
5. **Difficult Airway Class**, Lee Richardson reports that the program is scheduled for February 4-5, 2012 at Mercy Hospital. This is an excellent class and opportunity for Paramedic personnel to receive some excellent training. Tuition for the class is \$350.00/person.

The training committee will present a request at the CIEMSD meeting to provide \$100/student tuition assistance for this program. Frank Prowant will develop the proposal to present to the board.

Discussion also focused on providing lunch for one of the days, Lee will check into catering options and report back at our next meeting.

6. **Transition programming-** Frank Prowant

The committee is developing a EMS service awareness/planning guide to assist in completing the services transition to the new levels. This packet will include information on deadlines, Scope of practice, changes to skill levels and protocol revisions. The packet will also include links to resources at the Bureau of EMS, training programs, etc...

We will discuss with James Sargent to see how much of the refresher programming will include transition material.

7. **NREMT Test preparation** – The committee discussed at length the current NREMT testing process and concern over student's ability to successfully

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complete the written certification examination. The committee is evaluating what can be done to provide assistance to the students.

Several options are available for students to utilize. These include:

FISDAP (<https://www.fisdap.net/>) – Provides two levels; assessment and preparation. The software utilizes computer based testing. It is currently utilized by Mercy College in evaluating the students readiness for taking the NREMT examination. It can be utilized independently by the student or through a training program. The discussion indicated it is more beneficial to complete the program through a training agency that can provide a comprehensive review of the results and make recommendations to the student. Lee will discuss with David Phillip if non-Mercy Students can complete the program through Mercy.

PLATINUM TESTING (<http://www.platinumtestgenerator.com/>) This is a similar product that is being evaluated by DMACC. TJ will provide additional information at our next meeting.

8. Projects

- a. EMS Leadership Conference – James Sargent
- b. Distance Learning – Brian Helland
- c. Science Center Project – Brian Helland
- d. Other / Future projects

9. *The next Training Committee Meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 1330 at Ankeny Fire Station #1.*