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THE BURN SHEET

Ambulance Checks & Rotation of Supplies with Expiration Dates

Ambulance checks should be done on a weekly basis. Please fax to Richard any supplies that you need. EMT'S and drivers are asked to perform 12 checks per year.

Please be aware that all supply *items with expiration dates need to be rotated to DCMH 3 months prior to expiration.* This

ensures that supplies are used and not unnecessarily thrown away. Items include saline solution, IV flush solution, IV blood tubes, Epi pens, charcoal, glucose, D5W, D50, nitro spray, nebs, baby aspirin, hi/low solution and test strips for the glucometer. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Continuing Education

This month we are implementing rotating CE between Tuesday and Thursday nights. This month's CE will be:

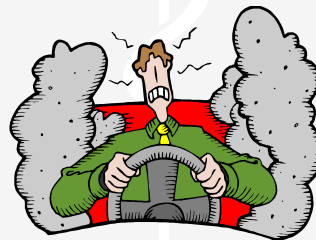
Hotchkiss
Tuesday
March 8

EMT-B Class Paonia Correction

Classes will be held every **Monday** and Thursday nights and every other Saturday. It had previously been reported that the classes were on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Emergency Vehicle Driver Training Class

A 2-day program Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8 for operators of emergency vehicles.



This program was developed to teach the emergency vehicle operator proper driving technique, the mental as well as physical aspects of the driving task. The program points out the long-term

impact of an accident involving an emergency vehicle on the operator, the emergency service organization and the community in which they serve. Day 1 is spent in the

classroom and day 2 will include a "hands-on" driving course. Please call or e-mail Pam to sign up for this important program.

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**COMING SOON, NFAA ON
THE WEB, STAY TUNED!**

Events, meetings, announcements!

Board Meeting- Thursday, March 3, Hotchkiss Fire Barn

Continuing Education-**Tuesday**, March 8, Hotchkiss Fire Barn
Saturday & Sunday, May 7 & 8, Emergency Vehicle Driver
Training Program - Hotchkiss

Call Review with Dr. Funk
Thursday, May 19, 7 pm. Hotchkiss Fire Barn

San Juan Basin Technical School Symposium on Emergency Care
May 30 – June 5, 2005, Telluride, www.sanjuanbasintechschool.org
Email them to have a brochure sent to you.

Colorado State EMS Conference-November 3-6, 2005, Keystone, www.emsac.info

Call Review

Dr. Funk reported at Call Review that there were no issues from DCMH regarding the NFAA. He did want to reiterate that EMT's do need to pay more attention to detail in writing their trip reports and to not forget times. If you are on scene

longer than 20 minutes, you need to document the reason why, i.e., extrication of patient, longer than normal transport of patient from high country, etc. Remember: If you don't write it down, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!!



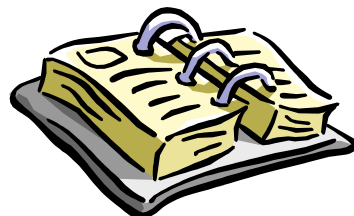
**JACOBS
syndrome Just
A Couple Of
BeerS):
acronym.**

**A syndrome in
which the
patient, despite
intoxication, will
admit to only
two beers.**

Found on the Journal of
Emergency Medical
Services website
www.jems.com

Plan Ahead

The Telluride conference is at the end of May. If you would like to attend and need financial assistance, please call Karina at 872-4303, for a financial assistance application. You will also need to apply to the Board of Directors for approval of your application. The next 3 meeting dates prior to the conference are: March 3 in Hotchkiss, April 7 in Paonia and May 5 in Crawford.



Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

Thanks to all those attending! We had a good turn out and a lot of good information was shared with the community about the history of the NFAA, where we are now and where we are going in the next year, and beyond. We can all be proud to be a part of this Association, as with the help of many dedicated volunteers we are able to truly provide "Excellence in emergency care to the North Fork Valley". Kathy Steckel was elected, and Richard Kinser, was re-elected to the Board of Directors. EMT's of the year were recognized: Pam Woods, Hotchkiss, Brian Kinser, Paonia and Rick Steckel, Crawford