



THE BURN SHEET

CE Meeting with Members of the Dispatch Office

Con't Ed.....
Tuesday, May 10
Dr Call, OB/GYN,
from Delta will be
the instructor for
our regular CE
class. OB emergen-
cies will be the
topic – please join
us at the Crawford
Fire Barn, 7 pm.

EMS WEEK
May 15-21
Emergency
Medical Services
Week brings to-
gether local com-
munities and
medical person-
nel to publicize
safety and honor
the dedication of
those who pro-
vide the day-to-
day lifesaving
services of the
medical "front
line."

The April CE with Karleen, Sharon and Susan from the Dispatch Office in Delta was very productive. Some highlights include:

MVC – Hotchkiss and Paonia Fire Departments will automatically be paged out the same time as the ambulance for extrication, traffic control, etc if the accident seems to be serious enough (along major highway, roll-over, several vehicles involved, etc). The consensus being that the fire departments can always be sent home but that it's better to at least get them rolling initially.

Additional Info – Any additional individual information can be added to the database at dispatch. For example, we can have patients call dispatch and give them basic medical conditions such as cardiac history, diabetes, epilepsy, asthma, or if there are complicated directions to their residence, etc. If then the patient calls 911, that information is part of

the screen that will show up to the dispatchers and can be relayed to ambulance personnel for additional background/history/info prior to arriving at the scene.

Stand-by – for the NFAA is “OK, yeah, we hear you and we’ll still be waiting at home until you actually page us out to respond.” We wanted to clarify this since we don’t have quarters that we’re responding from.

Acknowledgement – It is very helpful when speaking with dispatch on the radio to call them and then wait for their acknowledgement; then to continue with your transmission. At times it may be difficult for them to respond immediately for various reasons – please be patient.

Medic/Driver # -- If you are responding via personal radio to dispatch, identify yourself as ‘North Fork Medic responding to the Paonia/Hotchkiss/Crawford barn’. They don’t know your number, just be specific as to what community, the actual call, and specifically where you are going.

Well Wishes for Jim Hopper

Update – Jim’s surgery, triple by-pass, went very well.

In fact, he can’t wait to get back on the tractor to take care of his cows!! Give him a call!!

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Events, meetings, announcements!

Board Meeting — Thursday, May 5,
Crawford Fire Barn

Continuing Education—Tuesday, May 10,
Crawford Fire Barn, Dr Call

Emergency Vehicle Driver Training
Program, Saturday & Sunday,
May 14 & 15 Hotchkiss

Call Review with Dr. Funk — Thursday,
May 19, 7 pm. H-kiss Fire Barn

Colorado Symposium on Emergency
Care — May 30 – June 5, 2005,
Telluride
www.sanjuanbasintechnicalschool.org

Summer EMT/Driver Appreciation Picnic
Saturday, July 23

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

Meet the Press...

Emergency Medical Care and the Press

Just a reminder that as emergency
medical providers we operate under
the laws and guidelines of HIPAA.
This means that the press is NOT
entitled to know what we know
about any given situation or our pa-
tient. It is important for you to re-
member to protect YOURSELF and
YOUR patient. It may seem glamor-

ous to be approached by members
of the press, but you may be violat-
ing federal law. Refer any inquiries
by members of the press to the Delta
County Sheriff's Office or to the
President of the Board of Directors
of the North Fork Ambulance – they
are well equipped to handle these
inquiries. We take this issue very
seriously and will take individual ac-
tion if necessary.

Meet the press? Don't.



CPR for the Community

What a great success!!!
There were
approximately 45
people that came on
Saturday the 23rd for a
1 1/2-hour CPR
session. Handed out
lots of "Vials of Life" and
literature about the
North Fork Ambulance.
A BIG THANK YOU to
all of you who
assisted – what a
fabulous group!!!

Emergency Vehicle Driver Training Con't Ed Class—May 14 and 15

A 2-day program sched-
uled for **Saturday, May 14 and
Sunday, May 15 for operators
of emergency vehicles.** This
program was developed to teach
the emergency vehicle operator
proper driving technique, the
mental as well as physical as-
pects of the driving task. The
program points out the long-term
impact of an accident involving
an emergency vehicle on the op-
erator, the emergency service or-
ganization 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 pro-
gram (pam@hotshirts.com or
872-3410 or 234-3475).**

