



# THE BURN SHEET

## Your Expiration Dates Needed

The NFAA must have on file a copy of your Driver's License, your CPR Card and your EMT certificate, if applicable. Please make a copy, (put them all on one sheet if you like) and mail them to Karina, our merciful secretary, at:

**NFAA**  
**PO Box 127**  
**Hotchkiss, CO**  
**81419**

## NIMS Class Required for all EMT's and Drivers

Remember the HIPA Privacy class/video we all sat through a few years ago? Well, here's the latest mandatory necessity! NFAA will not be eligible for federal grants beginning in 2006 if everyone, including drivers, has not taken the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Awareness Course.

The easiest way to fulfill your obligation is to take the NIMS course offered over the internet. This independent study course explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. Developed by the Emergency Management Institute (EMI), the course takes about 3 hours to complete. You may complete the course on your own via online instruction at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp>. Click on Option 2 or Option 3 to take the

course, you will then need to download final exam questions and take the final exam. When you receive a certificate of completion via U.S. Mail -- please forward a copy to Karina.

If you are not able to complete the course online, please contact Pam at [pam@hotshirts.com](mailto:pam@hotshirts.com) or 234-3475 so she can arrange for an instructor and a class time to complete the course. The class takes about 1 1/2 day to complete, so it would be to your advantage to do everything possible to complete the course online. Pam is happy to help you with any questions you have regarding this required class and has a copy of the entire course if you wish to borrow it.

Please take a few hours of your time to complete this course within the next 3-4 months. Thanks for your cooperation.

## Run Documentation

Please remember that your ambulance run report is a LEGAL document. It MUST be filled out completely including run times, all the boxes filled in, etc. If you have a patient that refuses transport, the run report must be filled out as completely as possible.

A good practice on refusals is to speak with a doctor on call to verify the refusal..... if it's feasible, however, not always practical. Document the refusal

conversation with the patient and any other vitals signs taken, etc. Remember: if you didn't write it down, it didn't happen. Be as thorough as possible - cover your butt!

Also, your documentation is not complete until you fill out the hard card or gas card that goes with your run report. This is essential part of your run as Karina uses it to bill the patient. Thanks

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**EVENT CALENDAR**

**Board Meeting**

Thursday, November 3, 7 pm  
Crawford Fire Barn

**Continuing Education –**

Dave Nicewicz on GPS, bring your GPS to the class  
Tuesday, November 8, 7 pm  
Crawford Fire Barn

**Colorado State EMS Conference**

November 3-6, 2005  
Keystone, CO

**Call Review with Dr. Funk, tentative, will page it out**

November 17, 7pm  
Hotchkiss Barn

**Medical All Day Continuing Education**

Cardiac and more (8 hours CE – medical)  
Saturday, January 28, 2006  
Paonia Campus-Delta Montrose Technical College  
Chan Clymer and other DMTC staff

**How big did prehistoric rodents grow?**

*Phoberomys pattersoni*, an ancient South American cousin of today's guinea pigs, is the largest known. It lived along riverbanks in Venezuela about 8 million years ago, grew to the size of a bison, and weighed about 1,600 pounds. Just thought you would want to know.



**EMT Class  
starting in  
January. All  
three  
communities  
are in need of  
volunteers!**

**Please talk  
with those  
you know  
about  
becoming an  
EMT !**

**NFAA IN THE COMMUNITY...**

**The Katrina Benefit was a  
great success in  
September!**

Total money collected at the event was \$3199.43! The Callaway bill came to \$391.18, leaving 2808.25 to distribute between the American Red Cross and the National Association of EMT's.

Thanks to all three volunteer Fire Depts., the NFAA and the Crawford Fire Auxiliary!!! Truly a job well done... superb cooperation between agencies. Thanks to everyone.

**St. Mary's Safety-Saur-Us  
comes to Crawford School for  
Safety Day!**

Thanks to the NFAA, students in grades K through 4th took part in a six-station Safety Day. We arranged to have St. Mary's showcase their Safety-Saur-Us, a dinosaur-shaped vehicle made from an old ambulance, to show the kids how the brain, spine and nervous systems function. Some of the other stations included a 911-simulator, bike & walking safety, fire safety with Crawford Fire Dept and a tour of the Ambulance with the local Crawford crew. The other area schools are scheduled for a similar program next spring.