



Accelerated EMT Course

DMTC is offering an accelerated EMT course for the summer semester. The course will start Monday, June 4 and end mid-July. It meets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 am to 5 pm. Call 874-6571 to register.

FYI

When transporting patients from the North Fork Clinic, Jean Ceriani (physician's assistant) is a primary care provider along with any other physician at the Clinic. If she calls the NFAA for transport to DCMH, no other physician need be advised.

THE BURN SHEET

Dr Funk says Goodbye...

The latest Call Review meeting was a bit emotional for all in attendance. Dr Funk is saying "Goodbye" to the NFAA as our physician advisor due to family commitments. Dr. Peter Pruett, a resident of Hotchkiss, will take up the helm as our physician advisor. The evening started out with a surprise chili supper prepared by Dr. Funk himself, complete with beverages (mini Coronas... so sorry for those of you NOT in attendance). The comments regarding trip reports were not long and he did have some parting thoughts for the members of the NFAA:

- Know how important you are to this community
- NFAA EMT's and drivers are well-respected within the community

- It's the patient's emergency – NOT yours. Check your pulse!
- When you are on call, do your OWN patient assessment – even if someone of a higher level has assessed a patient prior to your arrival.
- He is quite proud to have been associated with the NFAA. Our volunteers are a rare segment of American society.

The North Fork Clinic is still available for ALS care, as well continuing to be the physicians called for refusals (or the ER physician). That protocol is still in effect and will not change. We wish Dr. Funk all the best. He has been a great asset to the success of the NFAA.

Thank you, Dr. Funk!

Welcome Dr. Peter Pruett

Last month the NFAA board approved Dr. Pruett as our new physician advisor. He is currently an ER physician with Delta County Memorial Hospital and previously worked in Aurora, Colorado. He has lived in the North Fork about 5 years and truly enjoys the area. Dr. Pruett started his career in emergency medicine as a volunteer EMT in the Evergreen, Colorado area.

Continuation of our call review meetings are a priority for him and he would like to make them happen every

other month. His teaching style includes providing useful feedback on calls, starting and continuing a dialogue to make learning fun and to always aim for improvement.

All current NFAA protocols remain in effect, as he has no plans to make changes at this time. Dr. Pruett says he know he has BIG shoes to fill and hopes he's up to the task.

Welcome, Dr. Pruett!!!

Next Call Review... scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 7 pm at the NEW Hotchkiss Fire House. Please plan to attend

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will be in
Hotchkiss at 7
pm at the NEW
Hotchkiss Fire
House. Topic
to be
announced.**

EVENTS

Board Meeting, Thursday, June 7, 7:00 pm, Hotchkiss Fire Barn

Pioneer Days, Ambulance in Parade and in the park with Safety-Saur-Us from St. Mary's, volunteers needed for 1 hour shifts, 11 am to 3 pm Call Pam, 234-3475

Continuing Education, Monday, June 11, 7 pm, Hotchkiss Fire Barn

Call Review, Thursday, July 19, 7 pm, Hotchkiss Fire Barn with Dr. Pruet

Colorado State EMS Conference, November 9-11, Keystone, CO

Delta County Memorial Hospital is now designated as a Trauma Level IV hospital. Congrats DCMH!

2-year Reviews

Scheduled for review for this month:

Mike Byers

If you are not able to make the board meeting, please make arrangements to be present at the next board meeting that meets your schedule.

Trauma in the Great Outdoors—CE

A joint effort by Care Flight, Mesa Lakes Lodge, Delta County Memorial Hospital, St. Mary's Trauma Services and the EMS Program of DMTC is presenting "Trauma in the Great Outdoors." This one day, 10.5-hour CE program begins on Saturday, August 11 at Mesa Lakes Lodge with a continental breakfast followed by several short lectures/discussions in the classroom. Lunch will include a talk by a guest speaker with small-group learning and skills stations after lunch. There will be an excellent BBQ dinner served about 5:30 pm through about 7 pm which families are invited. After dinner, festivities include several large-scale moulaged patient scenarios with multiple local emergency entities. About 9:30 pm there will be a wrap up/debriefing

around the campfire with smores and beverages. Overnight arrangements include sleeping out under the stars, there may be a few cabins available, pitching a tent in the nearby forest service campground. The next morning will include coffee and donuts, a fond farewell and hopefully a plan for the next year's gathering! Bring: camping gear, your families and bug spray! Call or email the EMS Office at DMTC 970-874-6571 or email at . Space is limited...registration deadline is Wednesday, June 25 (a late fee will apply after that date).

