



State EMS Conference

Once again, the State EMS Conference will be held in Keystone, CO, November 9-11, 2007. You may call the State EMS office at 1-800-889-5690. If you would like financial assistance to attend, please come to the Sept 6th Board Meeting with your financial aid application filled out and in hand. These forms will be available at each barn. Please know that if you attend the conference, we do expect that you write a very short article for the newsletter upon completion of the conference.

THE BURN SHEET

DCMH Trauma Activation Plan

Paula Homan, manager of the Emergency Department, DCMH, was on hand at Call Review in August to discuss their Trauma Activation Plan. Upon responding to a trauma call, NFAA EMTs in the field need to notify the ER as soon as possible as to the type of trauma patient and injuries. With this information the ER will decide which trauma level to activate on their end. This assures our patients the best possible care once arriving at DCMH, as they will have time to assemble the appropriate staff, ie, surgeon, anesthesiologist, ect. DCMH has defined 2 trauma levels, but for our purposes, these are the criteria for trauma activation at the ER:

Trauma arrests; blunt trauma or penetrating injury in patients who are hemodynamically unstable; GCS less than or equal to 10 with mechanism attributed to trauma; maxillofacial trauma with airway compromise;

penetrating injury to neck or torso; extremity with massive bleeding; pelvic instability; long bone fractures in 2 or more sites; limb amputation; penetrating limb injury with proximity to major vessel; injury to 2 or more body systems; ejection from vehicle; auto vs. pedestrian; vehicle collision greater than 50 mph; greater then 35 mph for motorcycles; combination of trauma with burns; documented fall of greater than 20 feet or 2 stories; death of other vehicle occupant; trauma patients with either coumadin therapy (coagulation disorder) or body temperature less than 95 degrees Fahrenheit.

It is our responsibility to inform the ER of the any of the above injures as soon as it is possible without compromising patient care. It is their responsibility to determine which trauma level to activate, if any.

Call Review with Dr Pruett

Call Review in August with our new physician advisor, Dr. Pruett, was very informative. Dr. Pruett plans to be actively involved in helping the NFAA to be the very best BLS service and plans to implement some new skills now allowed in the state of Colorado. He will be holding Call Review every other month in order to get to know everyone and to keep us all informed. Please try to attend these meetings in Hotchkiss, as they are very worthwhile.

If you have a run that you would like Dr.

Pruett to particularly review, please add a star (*) to the top of your patient care report. You may call him on his cell phone at 303-726-5904 if you need to speak with him about a run in a more timely fashion than waiting for Call Review. His philosophy is such that we are all here to learn and he is interested in facilitating that process.

Next call review is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 7 pm at the NEW Hotchkiss Fire Station.

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EVENTS

Board Meeting, Thursday, September 6, 7:00 pm,
Hotchkiss Fire Station

Continuing Education, Monday, September 10, 7 pm,
Hotchkiss Fire Station

Driver/EMT Appreciation Dinner, Saturday,
September 15, 6pm, Elks Building, Hotchkiss

Call Review, Thursday, October 18, 7 pm, Hotchkiss
Fire Station with Dr. Pruett

2-year Reviews

Scheduled for review for this month:

Bryan Kinser, Greg Hanson, Rick Stelter

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Driver/EMT Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 15, 6 pm at the Elks Building in Hotchkiss for a great dinner and a great time!!! We'll have fabulous food and maybe some extra goodies for those that attend!! Don't miss it!

Help Recruit Volunteers in September !

Is your schedule a little tight? The NFAA will be holding a fall recruitment drive for volunteers during the month of September. You will notice banners up on the front of each barn, there will be articles in the newspapers and information on the radio to recruit new Drivers and EMTs for the NFAA. It would be wonderful to see some relief on the schedules in Hotchkiss and Crawford, as well as Paonia. We are always in need of Drivers and EMTs, as

well as people to do non-emergent jobs for the service. If you know someone who would be great for our service, encourage them to apply!

Interested folks need to call the office for an application, fill it out and return it by mail. Once the review committee has looked over the application, an interview takes place and a recommendation is made to the Board.

We would like to bring new volunteers on as Drivers first before they proceed to the EMT Class to make sure it's a good fit for them and the NFAA.