



THE BURN SHEET

Am I the only one here...?

In combination with the usual busy schedules of our volunteers of work and family commitments, hunting season is now upon us and our on-call schedules are thinning, especially in Hotchkiss and Crawford. If it's been a while since you went through Orientation this is part what we go over with new personnel.

This is the procedure for everyone to follow when responding to the barn on a call.

To avoid 2nd & 3rd pages – if no one shows up but YOU, start calling others to come help out. Call the tech on-call, or the driver on-call, whoever is missing, to see if they are in route. THEN CONTACT DISPATCH TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE AT THE BARN AND HAVE

CONTACTED YOUR PARTNER, OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CONTACTING SOMEONE. If a Driver is needed, have Dispatch page the local Fired Dept.

If a team is not put together within 15 minutes of the 1st page, you will need to contact dispatch to have another town paged out to take the current call.

If a team is put together and can still respond to the scene before the second ambulance, you can have Dispatch “stand-down” the second ambulance.

Remember, this is about Patient Care. Do what is best for the patient. Do not sit there waiting when you could be doing something to advance Patient Care. Use that phone!

Patient Care improves when Drivers attend CE

Drivers are always welcome at Continuing Education! Please feel free to attend CE and get to know the other NFAA folks better. You never know when the info you pick up at CE may help you help someone in need, whether it's the patient or the EMT.

24/7 EMS to continue for 2009

This accredited training program uses videos, student handouts, Power Point presentations and tests to help keep our EMTs certified. The program may be used by groups or individuals. Contact one of your CE Committee representatives: Bryan Kinser, Ralph Clark or Conrad Kropf if you need additional CE credits.

800 Radio Privacy Clarification

From one of our readers... “Thanks for the newsletter. I did want to make one comment to pass along about the 800 radios and scanners. It isn't necessarily true that they provide more privacy. You can get an 800 digital scanner now for \$400, or pick one up on Ebay for less. All of the frequencies and settings can be found online. I have had a handheld for over a year and it works very

well. While it is true that there are fewer 800 digital scanners in the area than old analog scanners, there are still quite a few out there. I guess what I am getting at is, NFAA personnel shouldn't become lax thinking they won't be heard by the public on the 800 radios.”

Cell phones may offer more security than any of the radios.

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When was the last time you were called to treat a Down Syndrome Pt? Maybe never, right? Well here are a couple of tips for when you do.

- 1) Personalities can change instantly. They may be your best friend one minute and your enemy the next. If this happens, try to change care providers, otherwise they may be very uncooperative, and can be very strong which is not a good mix, and as we all know that doesn't make our job easy.
- 2) They often have latex allergies.
- 3) They often have weak C2 vertebrae, be very careful with aggressive airway management, and doing any back boarding.

EVENTS

Board Meeting

Thursday, 7 pm, Oct. 2, Paonia Ambulance Barn

Continuing Education

Thursday, 7 pm, Oct. 9th, Hotchkiss Fire Station

Call Review With Dr. Pruett

Thursday, 7 pm, Oct. 23, Hotchkiss Fire Station

Colorado State EMS Conference

Nov. 6—9, 2008, Keystone www.emsac.org

If interested in applying to go, please call Karina for financial aid application – 872-4303. Fill it out and plan to attend the Oct 2nd Board meeting in Paonia.

2-year Reviews

It's been two years since we started the 2-year Review process! Many good suggestions have been made by EMTs and Drivers, questions have been answered and appreciation has been given. The Board welcomes anyone who wishes to attend the meetings each month. If you haven't been in during the last two years, please stop by.

Refusals: more documentation please

There needs to be more complete information documented on refusals. As well as filling out the Patient Refusal Sheet with the patient and two witnesses, please include the following info in your run report completed on the computer:

- patient information including contact info
- Patient vitals & soap report

- scene info
- who authorized the refusal: our PA, Dr. Pruett, ER Dr., or North Fork Clinic Dr....

Keep the legal issues in mind, as you may need more info documented as to why you did not transport this pt than you would on a normal transport.

Remember to fill out a HIPPA form!