



Arrhythmia Class

- If you are interested in the Arrhythmia Class please call Lawrence at 527-6448 or 948-9986 to sign up. The class will be held in Hotchkiss from 6 to 10 pm on Oct 19, 23, 26 and finishes with testing on Sunday, Nov 1st.

Help Keep Hotchkiss Fire Station Clean

- A problem has come up with tobacco use which centers around the trash cans, especially in the men's room. "Our volunteer janitor is about ready to quit over this issue, and we cannot at this time hire someone to do the work.", says Doug Fritz, Fire Chief. If you chew, please dispose of your cuspidor (can or bottle) in a trash can in the bay area, not the restroom. Do not use the restroom trash can to spit in.

Second round of State EMS Provider Grants

Having received an EMS Provider grant from the State of Colorado earlier this year for new pagers we were delighted to be informed there are more funds available yet this year for another round of grant applications. The NFAA has submitted a grant for 5 new Lifepak 15 monitor/defibrillators to upgrade our equipment. Dr Pruet, our physician advisor put in the following letter of support:

Grant Review Committee:

I want to add my support to the attached application for a grant to provide improved defibrillator and cardiac monitoring equipment for the North Fork Ambulance Association. As an emergency physician at the receiving hospital for this ambulance service, I'm well aware of the limitations of our current (Lifepak 1000) units. With limited ability to provide printout of dysrhythmias and no ability to monitor and record vital signs, our patients often arrive without important pre-hospital information.

Our ambulance association serves a large geographic area (>1000 sq miles) and transport times are typically over 30 minutes. A lot can and does happen between initial patient contact and handover to ALS or ED staff. Our patient population is also one of the oldest in the state, and cardiopulmonary problems are very common. Given these two facts, having up to date defibrillator and monitoring capability will improve our ability to collect important data during a long prehospital course and deliver patients in a more seamless way to a higher level of care.

Thank you for considering our request among many other deserving requests.

Peter Pruet, MD

Your pager = NFAA Information

Please keep your pagers turned on, even when you leave them at home. Your pager, also a recording devise, keeps you apprised of needed information, from CPR Classes, CEs, Call Reviews and scheduling meetings to MCIs and notes from Dispatch. It is impossible to make phone calls to keep staff up-to-date. The newsletter comes out each month, scheduling meetings happen, email updates are sent, (please ck your email), and carrier pigeons are such a messy option!!! Put it on vibrate, or turn volume down, but leave 'em on, and when you see that little red light blinking, there has been a page!!! Be responsible, stay informed.

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Paonia Staff for Review

As NFAA Staff members, your input is vital to this organization. Your review is a time to let the Board know how things are going for you and the NFAA. And it is a time to go over your efforts to meet the minimum standards as an active member of the NFAA.

COLBY, DAVID
VAN VLEET, MATTHEW
KING, BILL
CLOCK, KIRBY
FARNSWORTH, JARED
KINSER, BRYAN
KISER, LINDA

Reviews usually start around 8 pm, so you can arrive then, or at 7 pm for the start of the business meeting. Those choosing not to attend in person will be contacted by phone.

From recent backcountry patient, Lynn G. to West Elk Search & Rescue and NFAA Crawford Crew: " *You are all GOLD! Thank you!* "

NREMT TESTING CHALLENGES

Subject: NREMT Test Center in Grand Jct
Date: Mon, 28 Sep 2009 14:59:29 -0600
From: Chan Clymer, Delta Montrose Tech College
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PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO WITH ANY EMT STUDENTS YOU HAVE WHO ARE TRYING TO TAKE THE NREMT TEST.

A couple of students tried recently to set up to take their NREMT test in GJct, and were told that the testing center was not available. I just talked to the front desk at Intelitec College, the PearsonVue test Center in Grand Jct and was told that they were "down" a few days last week because their testing administrator was off work sick. However, as of today, he is back to work and their test is available. She asked that if anyone has trouble and cannot get

Calendar

Oct 1st, Board Meeting, 7 pm, Paonia Fire Station

Oct 12, 7 pm. Subject: Yet to be determined, Paonia Fire Station

Oct. ? Call Review, date undetermined but it will happen. We will page this out.

Nov 5-8, EMSAC conference in Keystone

Board Bits

Any injury occurring while on a NFAA call must be reported within 24 hours to Richard Kinser, 234-3476, 527-3476. The North Fork Medical Clinic is an absolute requirement for your "initial provider". Soon there will be an information poster at each barn outlining the process. For more info please contact Karina at our office, 872-4303.

On the lighter side...

What is the difference between Bird Flu and Swine Flu?

For bird flu you need tweetment and for swine flu you need oinkment

registered through the NREMT system, to please call them direct and ask for Doug, their test administrator. If needed, their phone is (970)245-8101. Please, do not call that number as your primary means of registering -- that defeats the NREMT system. This is just for "troubles" getting signed up thru the normal NREMT system to test in Grand Jct.

One student reported he was told that the testing center in Gunnison is also not available. I have no information on that - cannot comment.

If you had or have significant problems with the testing system, please let Marilyn Bourn in our State EMS Office know about it, with some details, so the State can follow-up and do some problem-solving. Her email address is marilyn.bourn@state.co.us

Call if I can help. Chan Clymer, 874-6571