



## Spread the Word

- NFAA volunteers truly care about other people.
- Your service affects not only the people you serve, but your own self. The rewards remain for a lifetime!
- Whatever our volunteers can give comes from the heart.
- Every little bit helps, because you can make a difference! You can save a life.
- Getting involved in EMS is one of the most rewarding experiences you may have, and you get to drive with lights and sirens.
- Keep your problem solving skills sharp. Stay in EMS.
- EMS prepares you to face all kinds of stressful situations while keeping you well motivated!
- Focus on the call and experience the pure adrenalin rush.
- EMS open doors... it can change your life.

## EMS OPENS DOORS

There will be an EMT Class starting in January and NOW is the time for our current Drivers and new volunteers to apply for funding. See back page on how to apply. We commend you for your service... quality EMS exists in the North Fork Valley because of YOU and we need more like YOU!!!! The life saving skills our EMTs and Drivers acquire through training and experience have a dramatic "ripple effect" on countless lives. The community is grateful to you for sharing your time, knowledge and skills during their emergency.

### Finding dedicated volunteers!

The communities of Hotchkiss and Crawford are in dire need of EMTs in order to continue quality ambulance service. When someone calls 911, they expect us to be there to help them through their medical emergency. As a current NFAA EMTs & Drivers, YOU are essential to finding new volunteers! How can you do it? It is all in the power of ASKING! Stats show 71% of volunteers do so because they are asked. Now would be a great time for us as EMTs and Drivers to talk to people we think would be good on our service and ASK them to volunteer. People new to the area may like to join to get involved in their community. Volunteers are our life's blood. There are many great reasons to get involved with EMS and the NFAA.



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# Calendar

Nov 12, *Board Meeting, one week later than normal, 7 pm, Crawford Fire Station*

Nov 9, *Continuing Education, 7 pm Crawford Fire Station, Topic: Show & Tell from the EMSAC Conference and KING Tube Review and Practice*

Nov 19, *Call Review with Dr Pruett, 7 pm Hotchkiss Fire Station*

## Board Bits

The Paonia Ambulance Barn should be finished this month and ready for move-in. Also, the new rigs will be here soon, so hopefully things will get back to normal. Anyone wishing to help with move-in or to stock the new barn call Richard at 527-3476. He would sure appreciate any help in getting everything settled in the renovated space.

## Crawford 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. It is a time to go over your efforts to meet the minimum standards as an active member of the NFAA. 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. Thank you.

*Mike & Pam McGhee,*

*Sharon Northrup, Ivy Strong*

### From Dr. Pruett on flu season...

"To the crews: Please utilize normal precautions. If you're sick and cannot get someone else to cover your shift, then wash your hands and wear a mask. Sick means you feel sick or are producing increased mucus from your mouth and nose. Use the same precautions if you're transporting someone with flu symptoms."

## H1N1 Vaccine

The H1N1 vaccine will be available to NFAA EMTs and Drivers at no charge. Please keep your pagers on and be ckg your email for date, time and place if you would like to receive the vaccine.

## EMT Class to start in January 2010

*Now is the time to apply for funding for this EMT class!*

### CURRENT DRIVERS:

Get an Application for Financial Assistance by calling the business office at 872-4303, or download it off our website. Fill it out and return it to the office.

### NEW TO THE NFAA ?

One additional form and a little more time is required for NEW volunteers. In addition to the Application for Financial Assistance you will need an Application to Volunteer, both filled out and returned to the office. You will be called for an appointment interview by the review committee so they can make a recommendation at the next Board meeting. Next Board meetings: Nov 12th at Crawford Fire Station, or the Dec 3rd at Hotchkiss Fire Station. Please call Kathy with any questions at 921-6160.