



EMT CLASS UNDERWAY !

There are 11 students in the EMT-B Class at the Paonia Campus of the Delta Montrose Tech College. This class started Jan 18 and will be finishing up in June.

Starting Feb 13th, every other Saturday will be Skills Day.

Please consider volunteering to be a patient or a hands-on partner to help the students master the practical part of what we do. This is a great way to connect with the new folks coming onto the service. Most of the students are already volunteering for the NFAA as Drivers and will come on as EMT-Bs when they get thru the certification process next summer.

Please call Bryan at 201-6435 to schedule a day or two to help.

Thanks all!

Driver & EMT Orientation

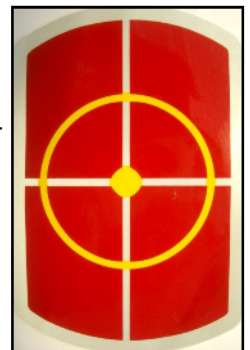
A big thanks goes out to Roger Johnson for putting on Orientation once a month! This is getting folks on-board quicker and with greater continuity. New volunteers attend two evening sessions which cover the following topics:

1. Paperwork, Pagers & Protocols
2. Equipment Check & CPR Review
3. Hands-on Patient Packaging & Moving
4. Communications, Scene Safety and Driving

If anyone would like to help with one or more topics please contact Kathy at 921-6160. Thank you.

One of our own...

At the back doors of each NFAA ambulance you will see the unit insignia for the Army Reserve Engineering Company #282 of which our NFAA EMT Nathan Sturchio is a member. He recently left the valley and will be deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq later this month. Displaying these stickers on our rigs shows our support for Nathan and his company during his 18-month deployment. His wife Lela is a NFAA Driver for Hotchkiss and a teacher at Hotchkiss High School.



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Calendar

Feb 4, Annual Meeting and Board Meeting, 7 pm, Paonia Ambulance Barn

Feb 8, Continuing Education, 7 pm Crawford Fire Station, Topic: Medical and Trauma Assessment

Training on the new LifePak 15 monitor and defibrillator will be upcoming. Please keep your pagers handy and ck your email for the training schedule.

CPR Class in late Feb or early March. Call Lawrence at 527-6448 or 948-9986 to register.

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NFAA 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. 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.

Due to the Annual Meeting, there will be no reviews this month. Thanks.

Board Bits

Continued support:

The grants just keep coming in. Recently the NFAA was selected to receive a grant from the EL Pomar Foundation, having been recommended by the San Juan Regional Council. This grant to the NFAA in support of our rural EMS service will be used to continue to upgrade our ambulance equipment and training equipment. Thanks to San Juan Regional Council and the El Pomar Foundation!

On-Call Schedule Note:

If you are going to take a shift by filling in your name on the schedule, please do so before the shift starts and call the person listed on-call to let them know you will be running with them for that shift. This courtesy call will save a lot of confusion. Thanks.

NFAA Annual Meeting

Please join us for our Annual Meeting to be held in the newly re-built Paonia Ambulance Barn meeting room, Thursday, February 4, at 7pm. The agenda will include a "State of the Asso-

ciation" address, Elections, New and Old Business.

The regular board meeting will follow a refreshment break.

Everyone is welcome!