

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Ambulance Services  
Governor's EMS Advisory Committee  
Physician's Task Force on Prehospital Care  
Physician Medical Directors  
Fire Chief's  
Trauma Coordinators

From: EMS Office

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Subject: Office Updates

August begins a flurry of activities for the EMS Office as the scheduling of fall EMT classes, State Fair, the start of recertification testing, and the annual Trauma Conference take place this month. Unlike last year the EMS Office will not have to move their office this month although the Department will be moving several of the offices later this fall.

Coleen King has once again scheduled a staff of volunteers to man the first aid station at this year's State Fair scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in Douglas. EMS personnel will be at the station from 8 am – 10 pm daily during the fair. The EMTs who volunteer for this event will, on the average, encounter 100 -125 patients during the course of the Fair. This State sponsored event provides rooms at the Law Enforcement Academy and meals at the Fair's cafeteria as compensation for those who volunteer to assist the EMS staff.

The EMS Office has been notified that one of the AEDs that have been placed throughout the state, as part of the HRSA Rural Access to Emergency Devices grant, was used by the Centennial Volunteer Fire Department's EMS personnel during the Dead Horse Bicycle Classic that was recently held west of Laramie when one of the participants collapsed during the event. Personnel at the scene administered CPR and used the AED to defibrillate the victim who was transported to Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie with a subsequent transfer to Poudre Valley Hospital in Ft. Collins, Colorado. The 45-year old victim is making a full recovery and looks forward to promoting the use of AEDs. Congratulations to the Centennial Volunteer Fire Department EMS personnel.

Tracey Jones, RN, Trauma Coordinator is rapidly becoming familiar with the highways across Wyoming as she orients herself to the hospital trauma coordinators across the state. Tracey has

scheduled “Trauma Survey Prep Classes” for Dayton and Kemmerer, attended regional trauma coordinator meetings, and will be assisting with the ATLS class in Cheyenne scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The EMS Office is pleased to report that the \$2.5 million dollars appropriated for reimbursement to hospitals for uncompensated trauma care has been allocated. Twenty of the state’s twenty-five acute care facilities submitted claims, that were found acceptable, and the funds have been expended.

The fall EMT-Basic classes are scheduled. Classes will be starting in the following locations: Casper, Cheyenne, Douglas, Farson, Ft. Laramie, Gillette, Hulett, Laramie, Lovell, Lusk, Rawlins, Riverton, Rock Springs, and Thayne. EMT-Intermediate classes are scheduled for Cheyenne and Thayne (scheduled start date of January, 2007). For start dates and contact information call the EMS Office or visit the EMS website.

The 36<sup>th</sup> Wyoming Trauma Conference is scheduled for August 24 – 27, 2006 at Little America Hotel and Resort in Cheyenne. The EMS Office has received over 200 registrations to date and the block of rooms at Little America have been sold out. Little America has arranged for additional registrations at the Holiday Inn Express for the rate of \$85.50. Contact Little America Hotel and Resort for details. Attendees are reminded that Little America Hotel and Resort is undergoing an extensive remodeling so there will be some minor inconveniences in getting around the facility. The EMS Office has received numerous donations for giveaways including several sets of LOTS splints, suction units, stair chairs, GPS units, weekends at the Holiday Inn in Thermopolis and the Bear Lodge in Dayton. Raffle items this year include: \$1,000 gift certificate from Travel Management, TV/DVD/VCR combination, and a Ruger Model 77 with a Leupold scope from Slick’s Sporting Goods in Douglas and the Wyoming Committee on Trauma. Twenty-two vendors have registered for the conference to date. Brent D. Sherard, MD, MPH, Director and State Health Officer for the Department of Health, Senator Pat Aullman from Thayne, and Representative Tom Lubnau from Gillette will provide opening remarks. Cheyenne Fire/Rescue has again reserved the Depot for Friday evenings’ social gathering. The preconference classes on Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) and the Trench Rescue are full. A couple of slots remain for the EMS Team Building and National Incident Management System (NIMS) classes. Five nationally known EMS speakers, Dave “The Airbag Detective” Long, Mike Grill, Bill Justice, Mike Smith, and Paul Werfel are scheduled to present at the conference. Randolph Mantoath, a.k.a. Johnny Gage from the TV show Emergency has been scheduled as this year’s guest banquet speaker. Rusty Palmer, Interim Chief Jackson Hole Fire/EMS will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the banquet. The EMS Office, for the first time in several years, has received multiple nominations for the Governor’s Physician Medical Director of the Year and the Pete Vase Medic of the Year Awards which will be presented during the Saturday evening banquet activities by State Auditor, Max Maxfield. Max has been an integral part of the Trauma Conference banquet for many years and always provides those in attendance with a laugh or two. Included as part of this year’s banquet will be a Table of Honor Ceremony recognizing those EMS personnel who have served Wyoming’s communities and have passed on. We encourage those attending the banquet to wear their service’s uniforms in recognition of

those who have given so much to our EMS community. The Governor's EMS Advisory Committee will be meeting in conjunction with the conference and will be hearing a presentation from Image Trends on a software package that is being considered to replace the current WATRS and the Cales's Trauma Registry. Image Trends personnel will have a booth at the conference and we encourage attendees to look at the reporting package that they have developed for EMS, trauma registry, and fire reporting. Jackson Fire/EMS and Cheyenne Fire/Rescue are also looking at this software for their respective services.

Recertification testing schedules have been sent to all EMTs that are scheduled to expire this fall and will need to take the recertification exam. In addition, a schedule of testing sites is available on the EMS website and included with this update. Individuals are reminded that it is the individual's responsibility to recertify in a timely manner. Recertification materials must be submitted by December 1, 2006 to insure that their materials can be processed prior to their expiration date of December 31<sup>st</sup>. For those who elect to maintain a National Registry card you are reminded that this is also the individual EMTs responsibility.

Steve Ott, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Behavioral Health at the University of Utah and Coleen King, Senior Trainer with the EMS Office will be conducting an Instructor/Coordinator Development Class in Riverton on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. This class is a prerequisite for anyone desiring to coordinate an EMT class in Wyoming. Class size is limited. Contact Coleen at the EMS Office for registration and further class information.

Ann and Stan Beckle's Annual Bare Bones Trauma Conference is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Laramie County Community College. Information and registration can be found at the Bare Bones Conference website: [www.barebonesconference.com](http://www.barebonesconference.com) or via the link found on the EMS website.