

MEMORANDUM

To: Ambulance Services

From: EMS Office

Date: February 22, 2007

Subject: Office Update

The legislative session is at the halfway mark. The four EMS related bills are still alive and will be heard on third reading next week. If passed they will then go to the opposite house for hearings. The EMS Retirement Bill has been supported and amended to reflect more of the language that is used in the volunteer fireman's statutes. The tuition for dependents of firefighters and EMTs, the trauma services, and the public health volunteers bills are all proceeding as well. Contact either WAPP or WAEMSA for further information on these initiatives that would impact EMS statewide.

Three students from Campbell County have completed the Weber State University distance learning Paramedic training program. They should be a welcome addition to the EMS services in Campbell County.

All ambulance services are reminded that the yellow attendant applications have been updated to reflect the 2008 changes to the EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic skill/medications that have been approved by the Physician Task Force on Prehospital Care and the Board of Medicine. A supply of the application forms are enclosed. Additional applications may be obtained from the EMS Office at no charge. Old attendant applications should be discarded and will not be accepted after **April 1, 2008**. Outdated attendant applications received after this date will be returned to the ambulance service.

Ambulance services are reminded that there is \$2,500 available from the Hospital Preparedness Grant to those services who participate in the statewide pandemic exercise scheduled for later this spring. Information on the exercises and the availability of the \$2,500 has been sent to all ambulance services. Questions in regards to this opportunity should be directed to Merit Thomas at the EMS Office. The statewide exercise is scheduled for June 23 – 26, 2008.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Emergency Medical Services Office is pleased to announce the establishment of an EMS website which they hope to be used by EMS providers across the country. The website will provide information on the EMS activities at NHTSA as well as links, contact information, and resources for EMS providers. You may access this website at: www.EMS.gov. They welcome your feedback to the website via emails at: nhtsa.ems@dot.gov.



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The 38th Annual Wyoming Trauma Conference is taking shape. Enclosed with this update is an “early bird” registration form. The EMS Office has once again partnered with the Wyoming State Fire Marshal’s Office and Cheyenne Fire Rescue for the conference. The conference is scheduled for August 21-24, 2008 at the Little America Hotel and Resort in Cheyenne. Currently we are scheduling seven preconference classes that are being provided at no cost with a conference registration. Class sizes are limited so it is on a first come basis. Additional registration forms may be obtained from the EMS Office or can be downloaded from the EMS website.

Due to the legislation that is still being debated the revisions to the EMS and the Trauma Programs’ rules have been placed on hold pending action in the legislature.

Doug Schmitz, MD, medical director for the EMS Office, has surveyed physician medical directors in regards to the formation of a medical directors group. The responses received to date have been positive. The EMS Office is working to present two one-day medical director training programs later this year.

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