

McHenry Western Lake County EMS System
EMS Coordinators Report
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IDPH Update:

- **NREMT Licensure Examination transition-** EMT and Paramedic testing via NREMT is underway. Both levels of licensure with IDPH are managed with application through the EMS System. There is no direct update to IDPH when an Illinois candidate completes testing with NREMT as yet.
- **Annual Ambulance Inspection Fees-** Due to an issue in the IDPH Licensing software/database, agencies will not be receiving Vehicle Fee Inspection notices. The IDPH Ambulance inspectors will be providing a form to return to the state with the necessary fee. At this time you are not able to complete the fee payment online. Due to the pandemic, self-inspections with system authorization are being completed until the state inspectors have the authorization to begin scheduling appointments. Renewal License processing is currently taking 3-4 weeks.
- **IDPH EMS Licensing Database Transition:** IDPH will be rolling out a new license database system in the upcoming months.. We will keep you updated as we learn more regarding the transition.. Cindy Tabert has continued to update all renewals as they have been due.
- **Next IDPH EMS Advisory Council Meeting: Thursday, September 10th at 11am via webex. Details to come.**

Region IX Update:

- Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, all regional activities have been focused on the local system operations related to local needs. The June meeting was cancelled.
- Sherman EMS – Welcome to Amy Crane, RN, PHRN, MSN- new EMS System Coordinator for the Greater Elgin Area EMS System.

Region IX EMS Educator Meeting: Tuesday, September 8th via conference phone or Skype

Next Meeting: Region IX EMS Advisory Committee-
Tuesday, September 8th - 9am via SKYPE

- Region IX Healthcare Coalition- Continued efforts focus on the COVID 19 response in assuring Regional partners were able to access equipment and PPE supplies as distributed via the SNS/FEMA and IEM/IDPH.
- Planning for the HPP goals and grant spending for FY 21.
- **Next Meeting: Region IX RHCC Meeting- Wednesday, October 14th -format TBA.**

System Update:

- Paramedic Program 2019-2020: 8/18 students are complete with the capstone/field internship. 5/6 have tested NREMT successfully and eligible for licensing. One candidate is pending a retest after he initial attempt. . *Overall pass rate 83.3%*
- EMT Spring 2020- Update: Students are still working to complete their patient care clinical requirements. To date we have 14/20 students who have registered for NREMT testing. Test results to date are: 7 of 14 have tested successfully and eligible for Illinois EMT licensure; 1 of 8 students tested in pending retest. 6 students are pending the initial test.

- Paramedic Program 2021-2021- 23 students are enrolled . Classes began in a blended format on Monday August 17th.
- EMS CE Calendar - The 2020 CE calendar is currently in process via ZOOM lecture. We anticipate continuing the option for blended learning with Zoom as we move into fall and winter.
- EMS PPE Cache: With the anticipation of continued COVID transports and the likelihood of a 2nd wave in conjunction with the flu season, IDPH suggests EMS providers maintain a 60 day cache on hand of PPE- N95; surgical masks; eye protection; gloves and gowns. Eye Protection has been elevated to a required element of PPE on all suspect calls. Personal eyewear does not meet this protective need. It is suspected that the limited resources we have received over the past few months via FEMA/IEMA/IDPH will be even more limited as we move into fall. Please look at your usage/burn rate and work to plan accordingly. PPE consumption and conservation practices will most likely continue much as they have been in hospitals and public safety through the end of the year, and into early 2021.
- Narcotic Discrepancy Audit- Imagetrend has been updated to include additional documentation related to the administration and exchange/replacement of controlled substances used in the care of EMS patients. We will continue to monitor the documentation compliance of these fields as a component of our QI program.
- EMS CE opportunities- Please check the EMS system webpage for ongoing additions to external virtual training opportunities.

NEXT EMS COUNCIL MEETING: 2020 Schedule EMS Council: (format TBA)

November 24th- 9am- via ZOOM

MCC Report:

Fall 2020 MCC Classes: Session began the week of August 17th

EMS 105- Thursday Morning- 8:30am- 12:30PM- Blended format

Instructors: Fran Woloszynski/Heather Yoder - 28 students enrolled

EMS 110- Afternoon (T/TH) 12:30pm- 4:30pm- Blended format

Instructors: Ruth Kormanak/Michelle Krysiak- 25 students enrolled- Due to concerns related to clinical access as the pandemic evolves, students will be prepared to begin clinical within the next few weeks. EMS ride-along clinical sites will be contacted regarding the ability to sponsor a student clinical ride-along

EMS Advisory Committee: Next Meeting Fall meeting date to be determined.

CoAEMSP Reports- The Response to findings related to the summative final evaluation of affective and psychomotor domain student evaluation for entry level practice has been submitted.

CoAEMSP and COVID 19 program delivery alterations. We are continuing to document our the changes as we have made to the program during the pandemic response. Specific areas of changes noted impact-access to specialty unit hospital clinical; the use of simulation learning/ skill testing; online-blended classroom activities and lecture. The action plan is reviewed by Dr. Pacini and will be shared with the Advisory committee. This provides documentation critical to demonstrating our commitment to our students, ongoing program accreditation