

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

- Licensing Notice- As of July 1st 2021.. all new Paramedic providers must complete both NREMT written and practical to be eligible for IDPH licensing.
- **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**
EMS Forum- Hosted by ICEP Thursday, September 2nd, via ZOOM
State EMS/ Trauma Advisory Council- Thursday September 9th 11am via Webex

Region IX Update:

- SOP discussion – Discussion pending September EMS Advisory Committee Meeting
- EMS Educator work group- CE program objectives are in development to better align content among our EMS Systems moving into 2022;
- EMS Educator work group- Paramedic program alignment- gap analysis to be reviewed related to paramedic student performance and pending changes with in the National Education Guidelines related to integrating special populations into standard curriculum, revisions in question format being trialed with NREMT.
- Regional Discussion on Refusals and Restraint policy moving forward. Concerns exist related to current changes in IL legislation impacting law enforcement civil immunity and ability to engage with force. EMS agency discussion has begun locally.
- **Next meeting: Tuesday, September 14th- 9am via ZOOM**

Region IX Healthcare Coalition- Continued efforts focus on the COVID 19 response along with Planning for the HPP goals and grant spending for FY 22. COVID response continues to be a focus; Recent regional Surge Census including COVID monitoring continues to be a focus of concern.

- **Next Meeting: Region IX RHCC Meeting- TBD**

System Update:

- EMS CE Calendar – Chest and Abdominal Trauma CE is currently underway via ZOOM. Additional learning support activities for both ALS and BLS providers will be posted to our EMS web page on nm.org, beginning in September
Brian Nolan has resigned his position; The EMS office in the process of posting a job opening for a full time EMS Educator. Brad has been supporting the Optional and On-line Learning packets.
- **COVID SOP reminders!!!- Positivity rates continue to increase!!!:**
 1. EMS should treat all patients as potentially COVID infected. EMS PPE should be N95 masks and eye protection on ALL PATIENT CONTACTS. All patients must be masked upon bedside contact with EMS; Treat all patients as potential COVID infected to insure the safety of all EMS providers and ED staff. Isolation rooms in the ED- remove PPE before leaving the room; new PPE will be provided if needed to insure your safety in cleaning and redressing your cot
 2. COVID Cardiac arrest SOP – remains in effect. Contact with OLMC can be made if not response to interventions after 10 minutes of Asystole- with decision by OLMC if resuscitation can be withdrawn

3. Emphasis on discretion in aerosol generating procedures is also important. *The current CPAP does have an additional HEPA filter*, but when administering a HHN or suctioning please use caution, and diligence in post transport cleaning of the patient compartment.
- Narcotic Discrepancy Audit-. Data continues to demonstrate good compliance. We will continue to monitor the documentation compliance of these fields as a component of our QI program. The use of the waste documentation in Imagetrend is key in compliance documentation
- EMS Supply access changes: The Huntley and Woodstock ED's have transitioned to a cart system with supply bins. This system will be duplicated rolled out at McHenry in coming months. More details will be provided as we learn more about the timeline for transition.
- Benzocaine 20%:. Currently Pharmacy is unable to restock Benzocaine/Hurricane Spray. We may be removing this from our inventory as other Region IX systems have done.

NEXT EMS COUNCIL MEETING: 2021Schedule EMS Council- Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 9:00 AM, format most likely to be via ZOOM

MCC Report:

Spring 2021 MCC Classes:

EMT program- NREMT Testing Results: 10 students tested: 6 achieved NREMT certification and are eligible for licensing; 4 students eligible for retest, following initial attempt. 4 students registered for testing, but not yet scheduled.

Paramedic Program Graduates 2021: NREMT Written Exam: 9 tested- 8/9 passed; 1 pending retest. *Psychomotor Exam scheduled Saturday August 28th at MCC*

NREMT Psychomotor Exams will be provided for students from the 2020 course- Saturday, October 16th. Since these candidates are already licensed, the testing intent is to provide opportunity for NREMT Paramedic. This is not a requirement, but encouraged to allow them to complete certification. Information on reservations for the 10/16 NREMT Test will be sent by weeks end to all graduates who had not fully completed NREMT recognition.

FALL 2021:

EMS 105- 2 traditional sections scheduled- 24 enrolled in each section
1 PCCS- High School Section has been cancelled due to low enrollment

EMS 110- 2 sections scheduled- blended/flexible format total enrollment 33 students

EMS 120- 1 section scheduled- 21 students enrolled

EMS Advisory Committee: Next meeting scheduled- September 21- Focus for discussion- Updates to EMT and Paramedic curriculum; Paramedic resource matrix assessment.

Fire Science / EMS Chief Forum- Wednesday, September 22nd. Focus open discussion on program structure, IDPH and NREMT expectations and planning to meet future needs for local employers as related to MCC programming.