

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

- **NREMT Licensure Examination transition-** As of April 1 2020, Illinois will begin to use the NREMT exam for EMT and Paramedic licensure competency. EMT candidates will complete the final skill practical within their course to be eligible for NREMT testing; Fall EMT students will be taking the EMT NREMT exam for licensure in IL, and not the IL exam. The Illinois Exam will not be available as of March 1, 2020.
- **NREMT Education Session-** the IDPH Education Committee has facilitated meetings with representatives of NREMT to support the transition process to the NREMT competency exam. Paramedic Skill testing compliance will be the biggest change in IL programming. Our program is currently working on the scheduling of the NREMT Skill Exam for the end of the program- August 2020
- **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. You will not be able to pay the vehicle licensing fee online at this time.
- **IDPH EMS Licensing Database Transition:** IDPH will be rolling out a new license database system during the month of June. Early renewals for all licenses due in May/June are encouraged. We are awaiting information on the rollout training and implementation plan. Any individual who may need an extension for a May or June renewal date will be asked to submit early. Cindy Tabert will work to complete renewals as requirements are met. Therefore we encourage all May/June renewals to complete the online process with the Child Support/Felony statement and fees as soon as they receive their renewal notices.
- **Next IDPH EMS Advisory Council Meeting: Tentative Meeting Calendar for 2020 is pending - 11am-1pm Teleconferenced to ICEP-Downers Grove**

Region IX Update:

- EMS Assistance Grants- Applications have been received, reviewed and submitted to IDPH for final grant award consideration
- **Next Meeting: Region IX EMS Advisory Committee-**
Tuesday, March 10th – 9am at Advocate/Aurora Sherman Hospital
- Region IX Healthcare Coalition- Focus on the COVID 19 worldwide outbreak as it relates to shortages in obtaining respiratory protection PPE. CDC and HHS are currently looking at supply cache access, and possible alternative manufacturers which may be able to support the delay in acquiring stock due to the lack of production in China.

- **Next Meeting: Region IX RHCC Meeting- Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at Advocate Sherman Hospital- 8:30am-Noon**

System Update:

- Paramedic Program 2018-2019: All 15 graduates have completed testing. 14/15 have been successful in achieving licensure on the initial attempt. One student is pending a retest for the final time- *Overall pass rate 93.3%- Overall Average Score=77%*
- Paramedic Program 2019-2020- 19 students are enrolled as we enter Spring semester- Module II- focus Cardiac and Medical Emergencies
- EMS CE Calendar - The 2020 CE calendar is currently in process. The March/April educational focus is Medication administration including dose calculation, and review of EMT routes of administration including IM injection. We will also continue to support review of the Pit Crew Approach to the Cardiac Arrest SOP
- Cardiac Alert Process- Due to a trend in false activations of Cardiac Alert –STEMI patients based purely on EMS notifications, the ED at McHenry, and Huntley will activate the Cardiac Alert process only after the EMS 12 Lead ECG is confirmed to be a STEMI by the attending ED Physician. We continue to encourage early notification of the potential for cardiac alert, with transmission of the 12 Lead ECG.
- Controlled Substance/Drug Diversion Audit-EMS Recommendations- 65 EMS records have been reviewed for compliance with valid documentation of administration, disposal (wasting) and replacement. Recommendations moving forward include-
 - * Auto Upload interface of EMS Records (Imagetrend) to the hospital patient care record- EPIC. EPIC transition will occur on 2/29/20 for our 3 NM Hospitals.
 - * Update Imagetrend documentation to include a field for controlled substance Disposal/waste
 - * Ongoing periodic QI of controlled substance use/documentation.

NEXT EMS COUNCIL MEETING: 2020 Schedule EMS Council:

February 25th – 9am- Cary FPD- Station #1
 June 2nd - 9am – Marengo Fire Station
 August 25th – 9am- ATEC Crystal Lake
 November 24th- 9am- Woodstock Station #3

MCC Report:

Fall programming 2019-

EMS110-EMT- NREMT Testing Results EMT licensure to date:15 students test-
 11/15 passed initial attempt=73.3% pass rate
 12/15 student overall pass rate = 80%

1 student is entering the remediation process to retest after the initial 3 attempts.
 2 students who had an initial attempt failure-have not yet retested.

Spring 2020 MCC Classes:

EMS 105- 2 sessions- Fran Woloszynski Instructor for both offerings (Thursday)

Morning - 25 students

Evening - 20 students

PCCS- EMS 105- Heather Yoder, Instructor= 18 enrolled

EMS 110- 2 sessions- Afternoon (T/TH) Ruth Kormanak = 24 enrolled;

Evening (M/W) Scott Wessel = 11 enrolled

EMS Advisory Committee:

Next Meeting Tuesday April 7th, 2020- 9am- MCC Scott Dining Room

CoAEMSP Reports-

The follow up Progress report has been submitted for review by CoAEMSP. Focus on content related the Paramedic Graduation requirements, summative exam, and skill matrix were included in the follow up report. A response to this Progress Report is pending from CoAEMSP.

The CoAEMSP Annual report has also been submitted. Licensure results for the 2018 Graduation Cohort are posted to the MCC EMS web page.