

EMS Leadership Conference Call
February 6, 2014

EMS Office Updates:

EMSC Program: PEPP Courses – Emily Lubell

- Of the 4 State sponsored PEPP courses, 2 courses have been held and 2 remain on the following dates.

Dates	Locations	Preference of EMS Providers from Districts:
February 7, 8	Lyndon State College	2,5
February 21, 22	Vermont Technical College	8, 9, 11, 13

PEPP course dates and locations are posted online. Visit www.peppsite.com and search for Vermont. It is the hope that the attendees in these PEPP courses will move on to become PEPP instructors in their communities.

- Every district except for Districts 1 and 2 have received 20 3rd Edition PEPP textbooks and one Instructor Kit. Those who are PEPP Instructors will be able to use these resources to host a PEPP class.
- Every 3rd Edition textbook includes an online access code that the student will need to register and access materials for the course. Starting March 1st, Jones & Bartlett has given us one year of free access codes for Districts to use in their local PEPP courses. To host a PEPP course in your district, you will need to submit a class roster to Jones & Bartlett to obtain these free access codes. We will be providing you with more detailed information regarding this process.

Training Updates – Jess Freire

- REMINDER: Protocol education must be completed by March 31st.
 - Pocket versions (5"x 6.5") of the Statewide Protocols are being printed for every EMS provider and we will send out to all services to be distributed. More info to come when we have the printing/delivery timeline...
 - We are working with a vendor on the app for the protocols (iphone and Android). More info to come when we have a timeline. Be aware that there are 3rd party vendors that are producing Vermont EMS protocol apps but have no connection to VTEMS- they just used the PDF on our website.
 - The Annual VT Healthcare and EMS Disaster Preparedness Conference will be held Oct. 14-19th; location to be announced soon. Same format as last year... Email ideas to Jess., or if you have names for keynote speakers.
 - The VT EMS Newsletter is being mailed to all providers.
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- We were awarded PH Block Grant money for instructor education. We will have two instructor coordinator (I/C) courses, one north and one south to occur before the end of September. In addition, we'll have 13 educator improvement courses that will be open to I/C's, Training Officers or

any other providers that instruct on EMS topics. These must also occur before the end of September.

SIREN – Jenna Protzko

- Services who are using a third party ePCR vendor should keep in touch with their vendor contacts about their NEMSIS version 3 data dictionary Go Live date. The State is still scheduled to Go Live with NEMSIS Version 3 on October 1st.
- For services using SIREN, Jenna has updated the service certification levels and individual provider certification levels to match the national scope levels. These levels should be updated for providers who have transitioned and who have completed protocol education.
- REMINDER: For SIREN users, the Spinal Assessment tab and the Active Protocols tab should only be used by services/providers who have completed protocol education and have “gone live” as these tabs reflect the new State protocols.

Protocols – Dr. Wolfson

- The next District Medical Advisors meeting will be combined with a national EMS medical directors course – it is also open to other EMS medical directors (or even ED docs with an interest in EMS) throughout the state. It will be held on Thurs. 4/3/14 at the Three Stallion Inn, Randolph. Pass the word along... to sign up, have them contact VT EMS and/or email Brenda Robert (Brenda.robert@state.vt.us) or Dr. Wolfson (Daniel.wolfson@state.vt.us).
- National-level changes for the therapeutic hypothermia protocols may be coming down the pike. Recent research has called for a more targeted approach to lowering the temperature and it may involve ceasing chilled saline IV infusions. More news will be shared as the issue evolves...
- Several services/DMA's have expressed interest in achieving recognition via a new American Heart Association program that focuses on STEMI system of care: Mission Lifeline – Dr. Wolfson is exploring options for VT EMS and SIREN might be able to assist with the pursuit of data. For more info, contact your DMA or Dr. Wolfson and see here: http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/HealthcareResearch/MissionLifelineHomePage/RecognitionAndAccreditation/EMS-Recognition_UCM_454152_SubHomePage.jsp

Licensing - Ray Walker

The personnel licensing section has been updated. The license renewal apps have been updated with fillable pdf's. A reminder to all that EMS services/personnel should routinely verify the expiration dates of cards, both NREMT and the VT license.

General Updates - Mike Leyden

Various VT EMS staff members will be going to the District meetings in the coming weeks to provide updates, field questions and listen to concerns.

No new updates on the EMS Special Fund Grant to districts.

Termination of Resuscitation protocol – VT EMS will explore options for an advisory memo to DPS, and will send something to heads of services when we get this out.