

EMS Leadership Conference Call  
January 2, 2014

**EMS Office Updates:**

**PEPP Courses** – Emily Lubell

PEPP course dates and locations are now all finalized and posted online. Visit [www.peppsite.com](http://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.

Dates	Locations	Preference of EMS Providers from Districts:
January 10,11	UVM, Burlington	1, 3, 4, 6
January 31, February 1	Castleton State College	7, 10, 12
February 7,8	Lyndon State College	2, 5
February 21, 22	Vermont Technical College	8, 9, 11, 13

**Workgroups** – Mike Leyden

- IFT workgroup will most likely meet again in late January, date to be announced.
- Firefighter Rehab group may or may not meet again. Mike reminded folks to submit plans, policies, SOPs and any guidance that agencies or individuals would like to see the state include.
  - Work by both of these workgroups will likely result in protocol changes going forward.
- Internal meetings are being scheduled on the topics of CQI/QA and Credentialing. Anyone with input is welcome to reach out to the office. The hope is to generate quality products useful to services and providers.
- Neil Van Dyke of Stowe Rescue and Stowe Mountain Rescue has been appointed as the full-time director for Vermont SAR. Neil brings both years of EMS and mountain search and rescue experience to the agency. Mike has been participating in this group as well. If issues or concerns arise, feel free to reach out to either one.
- VDH/OPHP-EMS was active during the recent ice storm response. Mike urged everyone to stay safe, and thanked them for their participation.

**Training Updates** – Jess Freire

- Some services went live January 1 with the new protocols, and more are expected to go live daily. We continue to provide support as needed.
- Protocols have gone to the printer and are being mailed directly to services from there.
- A Hospital Quick Reference Guide has been designed to provide hospital ED staff a quick look at the various scopes of practice and the various interventions that are allowed. These are also at the printers and should be back shortly.
- The provider letter mentioned last month has been printed and should start appearing in mailboxes soon.
- A reminder that the I/C and Training Officer call is on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. The meeting invite was sent out this morning. Please do your best to attend via WebEx as Jenna will be providing an overview on SIREN and Active Protocols.

- The 6 exam representatives will be meeting later in January in an attempt to create more consistent, uniform exams and eliminate or anticipate difficulties.
- The EMS newsletter is in final stages of proofing and will be sent out electronically soon.

#### **SIREN** – Jenna Protzko

- Two functionalities are now available: The active protocols in SIREN now match the new state protocols. Please only use them if you have transitioned and have been approved to go live. Also, this is an ease-of-entry tool, and not meant to be a limiting factor. Also, a spinal assessment tab has been added and is meant to match the Advanced Spinal Assessment protocol.
- TriTech users should please contact Jenna. Apparently some vital run reporting information is not importing into SIREN.
- A drop form tab has been added. This report collects elements required when a patient is transported to the hospital. It is a quick-entry tool, and not meant to take the place of a full run report. Information from the full report populates into the drop form for ease of completion.

#### **Protocols** – Dr. Wolfson

- Very excited about the release of the new protocols. The evidence-based shift is huge for Vermont and brings us very much into line with other parts of the country. Constructive feedback is welcome and we intend to update protocols annually.
- QA/CQI – SIREN will be helpful in developing this program. There will be elements for all levels: squad, district and statewide. If anyone has an interest or input to share, contact Dan.
- Same with Credentialing project.
- Also working on educational resources to make physicians more familiar with changes to the protocols. There may be changes required in their hospital-based practices as EMS providers begin practicing from the new protocols.

Chris added that Brett LaRose and Tanya Wells have joined the OPHP staff to work on the Child Passenger Safety (CPS) program. Brett formerly held the HAN position at OPHP and has both fire and EMS experience. Tanya comes to us with a wealth of worksite wellness experience from VDH.