EMS Education & Examinations Rule Task Force
December 1, 2010
Cambria Suites
2970 W. Elder Street, Boise, Idaho 83705

TASK FORCE MEMBER ATTENDEES: Mary Anne Pace, Curtis Sandy, Tom McLean, Rod Piller, Mark Zandhuisen, Gordy Kokx, Lynette Sharp, Steve Holley,

EMS Bureau Staff: Wayne Denny, Marc Essary, Russ Pierson, Diana Hone, Season Woods

Visitors: Travis Holycross, Scott Resert

Introductions

Mary Anne Pace opened the meeting at 9:03 with introductions.

Steve Holly moved to accept the September 22, 2010, minutes as presented. Tom McLean seconded.

NREMT

Bill Brown, Executive Director of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) addressed the group. The task force received a very good overview of the NREMT mission, goals, exam development methods, projects, etc. The PowerPoint outline of Mr. Brown's remarks is posted on the EMS Bureau website under "Negotiated Rule Writing – Education & Exam Rules Task Force." www.idahoems.org

A few of the points Mr. Brown made were:

- The 2008 EMS Education Standards will prepare EMTs much better for the future than the current curriculum does now.
- AEMT Instructors are going to be behind the curve in their knowledge base for the new curriculum. This is where the focus of help needs to be.
- EMTs are by far more prevalent than paramedics; therefore, we need to have a very strong EMT population in this country.
- NREMT Mission: To serve as the national EMS certification organization by providing a valid, uniform process to assess the knowledge and skills required for competent practice of EMS professionals throughout their careers and by maintaining a registry of certification status.
- Dates the cognitive examinations for the new standards begin:
    - EMR – January 1, 2012
    - EMT – January 1, 2012
    - AEMT – June 2, 2011
    - Paramedic – January 1, 2013
    - I/85 ends – March 31, 2013
- Transition timeline of EMS Providers to new levels
    - FR to EMR – 2011 to 2016
    - EMT-B to EMT – 2011 to 2016
    - I/85 to AEMT – 2011 to 2018 (cognitive)
    - EMT-P to Paramedic – 2011 to 2017

Investigation / Discipline

The EMS Bureau Investigator, Tawni Taylor, oriented the group to the current investigation process and the

discipline and sanction routes used for licensed EMS agencies and personnel. Ms. Taylor also addressed the obsolete and vague EMS education-related rules which limit the effectiveness of education programs and instructor regulation. Numerous issues brought to the attention of the EMS Bureau, mainly in the form of student complaints, were explained. While many of these complaints could potentially be described as unethical and frustrating to EMS students, most are not currently within the EMS Bureau's authority to prevent or resolve by sanction or discipline. It is hoped that a thorough understanding of the Bureau's current limitations will assist the task force in their effort to revise the current rules. Ms. Taylor's PowerPoint outlines are also posted on the EMS Bureau website under "Negotiated Rule Writing – Education & Exam Rules Task Force." www.idahoems.org

Things to Think About

Wayne Denny, EMS Bureau Standards & Compliance Section Manager:

- State certification exam
- Certification of instructors
- Requirements for a program that charges a fee vs. a small rural organization, do we want to hold them to the same performance standards as far as pass/fail rates, etc.

Next Meeting

Next meeting: **January 26, 2011 at Oxford Suites**
It is hoped that representatives from the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) and the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) will address the task force.

February 23, 2010
March TBD later because of Spring Breaks

Adjourned at 3:18