

A statewide committee appointed by the Director of the Department of Health and Welfare "to provide counsel to the Department in administering the EMS Act"

Meeting Dates

EMSAC, July 1, 2004
Ameritel Inn-Boise Spectrum, 7499 Overland Rd., Boise, ID
EMSAC, Sept. 30, 2004
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EMS Related Legislation and Next Steps

The 2004 Legislative session resulted in passage of several items of legislation that will impact the EMS system. Following is a brief overview of the bills that were passed and have already taken effect or will take effect July 1, 2004. The website for viewing complete bills:

<http://www2.state.id.us/legislat/legislat.html>

Bill Number	Topic	Impact	Effective Date	Next Steps
House Bill 697	Air Medical Services	Provides for the adoption of rules by the Board of Health and Welfare concerning criteria for the use of air medical services by certified emergency medical services personnel at emergency scenes.	July 1	EMS Bureau to initiate organization of an independent task force to assist in developing criteria for utilization of air medical services.
Senate Bill 1299	Public Access AED	Extends legal immunity to the physician or osteopath who wrote the prescription for the defibrillator.	March 19	Local initiative to address previous challenges to public access defibrillation.
Senate Bill 1320	EMS Quality Improvement	Extends protection from discoverability for QI reviews to EMS personnel and requires reporting of professional review action sanctions against EMS Personnel.	July 1	Local agencies can develop more aggressive QI programs and orient Medical Directors to QI protection provisions.
Senate Bill 1249	Living Wills and DNR	Expands applicability of Idaho Comfort One DNR to all health care professions and out of hospital locations.	July 1	EMS Bureau to assist with developing new brochure and guidelines applicable to all healthcare providers.
Senate Bill 1418	DNR Protocol	Limits Department of Health and Welfare rulemaking authority to EMS personnel.	July 1	Local agencies can work with assisted living/long term care facilities to standardize approach to DNR responses.

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Institute of Emergency Management Training Opportunities

At the March EMSAC meeting, a presentation was given by **Lenn Moorhead-Rosenberg** from the new ISU Boise Centers' Institute of Emergency Management. He explained the role and goals of the Institute. The goal of partnering with Emergency Services Training and the Bureau of Homeland Security will be

accomplished by offering workshops, courses and certificate programs in various areas of Emergency Management that are not currently available.

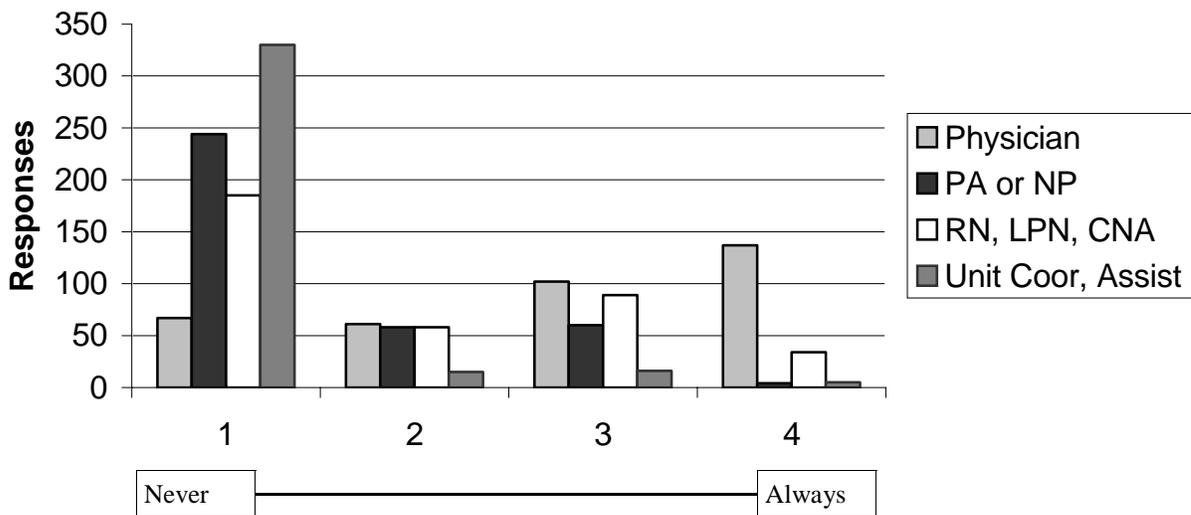
The Institute has been charged with providing training to 11 Idaho first responder disciplines including health care, law enforcement, EMS, emergency managers,

firefighters, hazardous material responders, public works, governmental administration, public health, public safety and security guards.

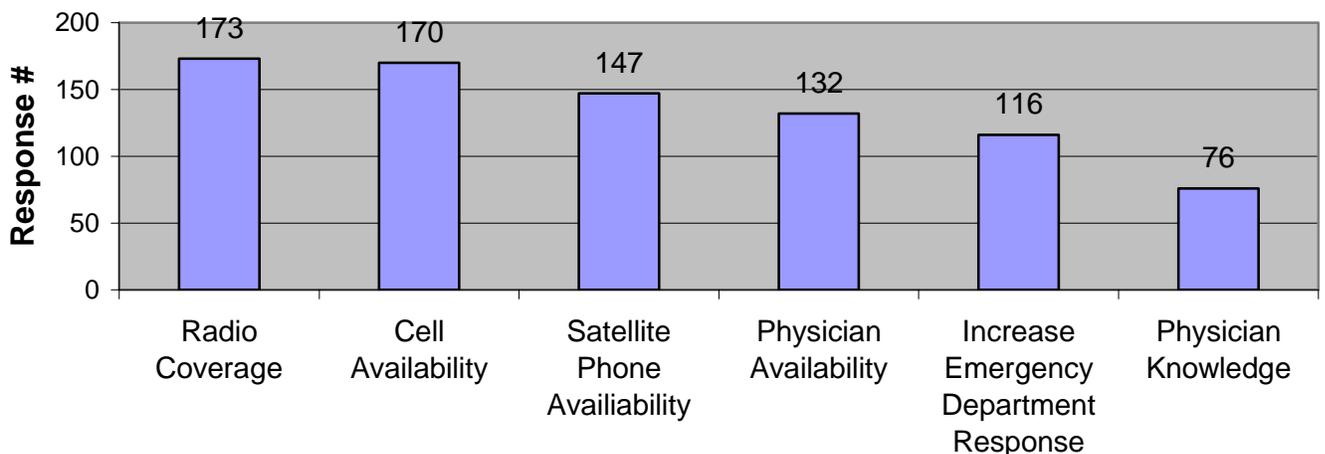
All training and course materials are sponsored by ISU and the Office of Domestic Preparedness and are free to qualified first responders. A directory of available and upcoming courses can be found

On-Line Medical Direction Survey Results n=370

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EMSAC Sub-Committee Reports

EMS-CHILDREN

Pediatric Prehospital Care (PPC) Courses were held at Idaho Falls, Coeur d'Alene and Boise in May 2004 and will be held at Twin Falls in October 2004. Instructors trained at these courses will be sponsored by EMSC to teach PPC courses throughout the state upon completion of their training. A Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference will be held in Sun Valley on Labor Day weekend. For more information on a PPC course for your agency or the Emergency Medicine Conference, call your Regional Office.

GRANTS

Non-compliance of EMS agencies regarding grant terms and conditions of grant and document submission was discussed. The resulting recommendation was made

to deny application submission to EMS agencies for 5 years if they falsify information on a grant application.

LICENSURE

Roberts Fire District QRU upgrade from BLS non-transport to ILS non-transport was approved. A new task force was created to assist in developing licensure compliance standards.

TRAC

The search for new revenue sources to support the operations of the Idaho Trauma Registry continues. Progress in this endeavor is positive.

EDUCATION

Patient Care Treatment Guidelines were handed out to all EMSAC members. A recommendation was made regarding the content of cover letters to go with the manual to EMS agencies and medical directors.

EMSAC Membership Roles and Responsibilities

Development of a policy manual describing the Roles and Responsibilities of EMSAC members is the goal of the Membership Task Force, reorganized after the loss of the previous chairperson. Work on this project will continue at the June meeting with a focus on the following topics:

- Descriptions of sub-committees and task force groups
- EMSAC member appointment and terms
- Voting capabilities
- Typical meeting outline
- Chair roles
- Meeting decorum and attendance expectations

Although some of the EMSAC sub-committees are closed to the public, others are open to guests. The quarterly EMSAC general sessions are public meetings which may be attended by anyone interested in Idaho EMS current events.

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