

Maine EMS Exam Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

De Champlain Conference Room, Augusta

Minutes

Present: Jacky Vaniotis – Chair, Jeff Regis (via teleconference), Joanne LeBrun,
Bob Hawkes

Absent: Rick Doughty, Glen Targonski, Kelly Roderick, Leah Mitchell, Gary Utgard, Sally Taylor

Staff: Drexell White

Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.

Drexell indicated that Kelly Roderick, Gary Utgard, Sally Taylor and Leah Mitchell notified the office that they would be unable to attend the meeting.

Committee members were reminded about the accreditation workshop scheduled for February 13th at Maine EMS.

A. Assign Timekeeper – None Assigned

B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - Old Business – EMS Rules Recommendations

1. Minutes – January 27, 2009 meeting minutes - review for acceptance

The minutes of the January 27, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the January 27, 2009, meeting (; second by Taylor - motion carries)

2. Old Business

A. Intermediate Practical Exam – Examiner Instructions – Update

Drexell reported that Intermediate Examiner Instructions are still pending review.

B. Exam Administration Manual Update

Drexell reported that Gary was unable to send the latest draft of his Exam Administration Manual work as the power outages in southern Maine left him without a functioning computer.

A draft will be presented at the March 2009 meeting.

C. EMT-Intermediate Written Exam – Item Analysis

Joanne LeBrun provided the group with a breakdown, by question difficulty, of questions on the Intermediate Exam and gave some background information on how she arrived at the numbers.

Committee members elected to begin the review with questions listed in the “difficult” range to determine if questions are valid. The review was conducted and the questions were found to be valid. Work will continue next month on questions in the “moderate” range.

D. EMS Rules Recommendations to the Board

Committee members reviewed the revised draft rules language that has been submitted to the Board for the formal rulemaking process.

4. To Do List – To be updated based upon the meeting

5. New Business

A. State Evaluator Compensation – Tabled (Agenda item requested by Kelly Roderick, who was unable to attend today's meeting)

B. Bleeding/Shock Management Skill Sheets

Drexell reported that the National Registry of EMTs has revised the Bleeding/Shock Management skill sheet to reflect use of the tourniquet. The committee reviewed the skill sheet and noted that the emphasis is placed upon management and treatment of a patient with severe bleeding and de-emphasized bandaging skills.

The plan is to re-write the practical test assistant instructions to help guide the examiner and student through the station.

Drexell will work on re-drafting the bleeding/shock management station instructions.

C. NREMT Basic Exam

Drexell asked the committee to begin thinking about options for practical testing at the basic levels in light of the Training center model for delivering EMS education.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Exam committee is scheduled for Tuesday March 24, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS

7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White