

Maine EMS Exam Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Fallen Heroes Conference Room, Augusta

Minutes

Present: Jacky Vaniotis – Chair, Joanne LeBrun, Kelly Roderick, Gary Utgard, Yvonne Drown, Sally Taylor, Jeff Regis

Absent: Rick Doughty, Bob Hawkes, Glen Targonski

Staff: Drexell White

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

Drexell reported that Bob Hawkes had notified him that he would not be attending the meeting.

A. Assign Timekeeper – Kelly Roderick will keep time for the meeting.

2. Minutes – January 22, 2008 meeting minutes - review for acceptance

The minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the January 22, 2008, meeting (Roderick; second by Utgard - motion carries)

3. Old Business

A. IPE Survey/IPE Gameplan

Drexell reported that 43 responses had been received. He distributed raw data from the survey to the committee and will “clean up” the data into a more user friendly form. Consensus was to discuss the results at next month’s meeting after members have had a chance to thoroughly review the data.

B. Intermediate Practical Exam

A question has arose about what basic-level practical exam skill sheets should be used as part of the Maine EMS EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I) practical exam – the original Maine EMS skill sheets or the National Registry of EMT (NREMT) skill sheets for Bleeding/Shock Management, Splinting (long bone, joint & traction) and Spinal Immobilization (seated and supine).

Discussion yielded the following points:

- There is no clear guidance as to which basic skill sheets should be used;
- Intermediate practical exams in the recent past have used the basic-level skill sheets that students were provided in their Intermediate EMT course;
- Basic-level skill sheets used for the Intermediate practical exam should follow the flow and structure of the NREMT basic-level skill sheets, but use the pass/fail criteria established for the Maine EMT-I exam;
- To prevent confusion, Maine EMS EMT-I skill sheets for bleeding/shock management, splinting and spinal immobilization should be revised so that content reflects the NREMT skill sheets for those skills;
- The revised skill sheets must clearly indicate that the grading used for the EMT-I exam is based upon a pass/fail per station model vs. the cumulative model used in the Integrated Practical Exam (IPE) used at the First Responder and EMT- Basic levels;

- NREMT must be contacted for permission to use of NREMT skill sheet content as part of Maine EMT-I basic-level skill sheets.

Motion: That, pending National Registry of EMT (NREMT) permission for content use, NREMT basic skill sheet content be used in revising the Maine EMS EMT-Intermediate skill sheets for Bleeding/Shock Management, Splinting and Spinal Immobilization; that the revised Maine EMS basic-level skill sheets reflect the Maine EMS pass/fail criteria established for Maine EMS EMT-I state practical exams; and that the revised EMT-I skill sheets clearly indicate their use for EMT-I practical testing (LeBrun: Utgard – motion carries)

Kelly Roderick volunteered to update the skill sheets. Drexell will send her the Maine EMS EMT-I sheets as templates.

C. Policy/Procedure for IPE State Evaluator – Information

The *Evaluation Restrictions for Integrated Practical Exam (IPE) State Evaluators* was approved by the Maine EMS Board (at its October 3, 2007 meeting). The policy clarifies the restrictions placed on IPE State Evaluators. Staff will email a copy of the policy to committee members.

4. To Do List – No Report

5. New Business

- A. IPE Evaluation – Game plan – (see 3.A above)

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Exam committee is scheduled for Tuesday March 25, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS

7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White