



Oregon EMS and Trauma Systems Program Update - August 2008

The Department of Human Services Public Health Division Office of the Oregon Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems (EMS/TS) Program is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., in Suite 465 of the Portland State Office Building, 800 N.E. Oregon Street, Portland.

FIRST RESPONDERS CERTIFICATION

First responders will need to file for certification with the EMS and Trauma Systems Program in August 2008. The EMS/TS Program has sent information to individuals and agencies that have reported providing first responder care. The EMS/TS Program has begun certifying first responders. If you have questions, please contact our office.

NHTSA EMS Education Agenda for the Future

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) EMS Education Agenda for the Future outlines a five-part plan for reaching some of these goals. Included in this plan are:

- 1) Creation of a National Core Content;
- 2) Creation of a National Scope of Practice;
- 3) Creation of National EMS Education Standards based on the Core Content and Scope of Practice;
- 4) Creation of National Certification;
- 5) National Accreditation of EMS Education program (primarily paramedic).

The first three documents are completed and directly impact Oregon because we refer to national standard curricula in our EMS rules. Like 45 states, Oregon uses the NREMT for EMT basic and paramedic, making this a de facto national certification. Finally, the NREMT has decided that by 2013, only graduates of nationally accredited programs can sit for the NREMT paramedic exam. As a note, the National Scope of Practice is considered a "floor" and no one expects every state to follow it exactly at every level.

EMS Program information for July

TEST RESULTS	FAILED	PASSED
Basic written results	51	127
Basic practical exam	65	254
Intermediate written results	11	19
Intermediate practical exam	3	11
Paramedic written results	1	21
Paramedic practical exam	3	21

RECIPROCITY - BASICS

Applications received	17
Processed and certificates issued	23

RECIPROCITY - PARAMEDICS

Applications received	4
Processed and certificates issued	23

* Twenty of the 23 paramedic certificates issued were provisional EMT-Ps issued under the new rules.

RECERTIFICATION AUDITS COMPLETED

Basics	7
Intermediate	0
Paramedic	1

During July, 15 new ambulances were licensed. Oregon Law Enforcement Data Systems background reviews were conducted on 194 new applicants and 28 national background reviews were completed.

Three complaint investigations were opened. One first responder surrendered his/her certificate pending the outcome of a criminal proceeding. Twenty-four certificate holders are completing court diversion requirements for DUII/BUII (boating under the influence). There are currently 18 certificate holders on department-stipulated probation.

Trauma administrative rules revision meetings

On Aug. 19 an open meeting for trauma providers will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to discuss the trauma administrative rules revision, focusing on elements for the Level 5 category in Exhibit 4, and Exhibits 1, 2, 3 and 5 and the administrative rules. Additional comments on Exhibit 4 Levels I-IV will be taken in writing prior to the meetings. The meetings will be held at the

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The working document with the comments/suggestions generated from the previous meetings on Exhibit 4 will be distributed soon. The other exhibits and OARs can be found on the below Web page link. Parking is available in the Liberty parking on Oregon Street and will be validated by the program upon request.

To RSVP and/or ask questions, go to
<http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ems/trauma/rules.shtml>.

Mobile Training Unit (MTU)

The MTU conducted two certifying officer and evaluator trainings were held in Newport and Medford with an average attendance of 12.

Upcoming MTU classes are now updated on the unofficial MTU Web site at <http://home.teleport.com/~ohdmtu/mtu>. Click on "MTU Schedule," located on the left-hand side of the page.

The MTU will teach CME classes in August at Warm Springs, Maupin, Monument, Blue River and Leaburg.

EMS and Trauma Systems staff changes

We welcome two very capable individuals to the EMS and Trauma Systems Program staff:

Joanna Faunce is new to both Oregon and the EMS/TS Program. She is certified as an Oregon and National Registry EMT-Paramedic. Her EMS career includes being a field paramedic and training officer for both a private agency and volunteer fire department in Los Angeles County. She has also been an educator/clinical coordinator for EMT-Basics. Her education includes a B.A. in criminal justice from Cal State Fullerton and paramedic education from UCLA-Daniel Freeman Hospital.

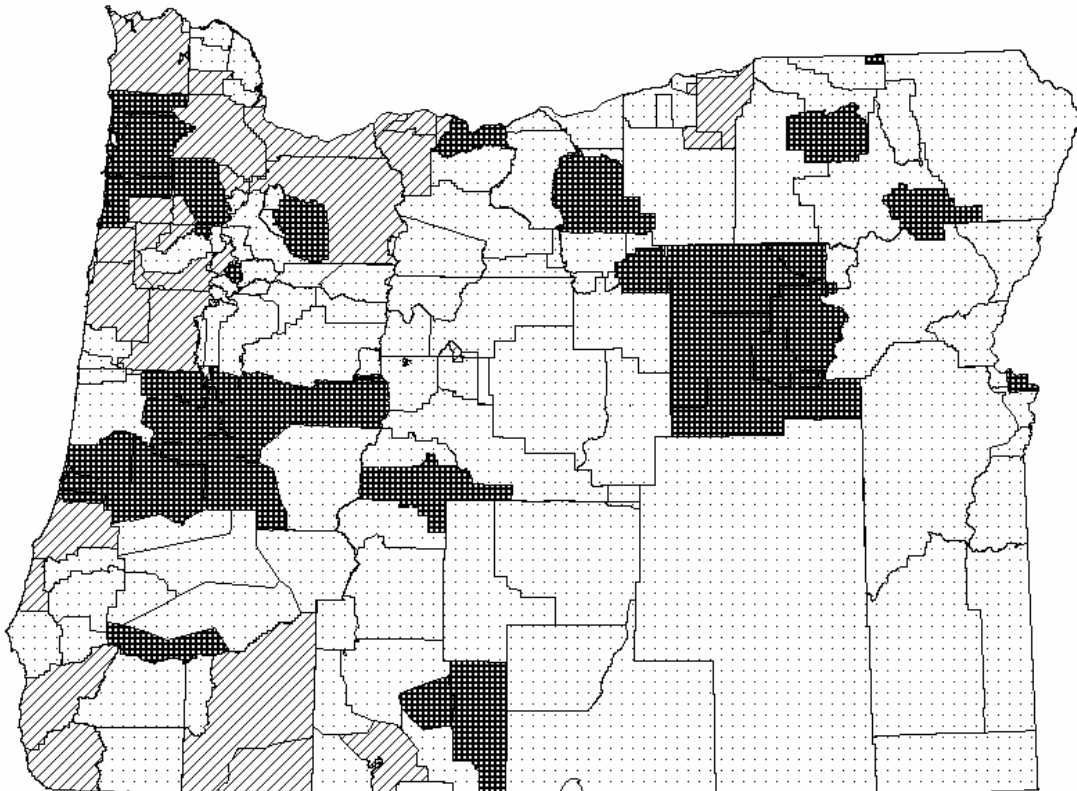
Justin Hardwick has been involved with Oregon EMS since 1992, and is currently certified as an EMT-Paramedic. He has worked as a field medic, administrator and educator in the Willamette Valley. Justin holds an A.A.S. in emergency services from Chemeketa and a B.A. in management and organizational leadership from George Fox University.

Prehospital Systems Manager

The EMS and Trauma Systems Program is advertising for the position of Prehospital Systems Manager. The Prehospital Systems Manager is responsible for the regulation of all levels of the Emergency Medical Technician and Certified First Responders. For information:

www.emp.state.or.us/jobs/statejobs/index.cfm?location_content=jobdisplay.cfm&ord=14116&system=WIOA&type=N&lang=E&datasource=TS

EMS Patient Encounter Database Project Update



The map shows the progress the Program has made in gathering data for the May 2008 by ambulance service area. The agencies in the lightest areas have submitted their data. Agencies in the cross-hatched areas have also submitted their data or are working on it; however, there are still some issues before it can be imported into a common database. Agencies in the darkest areas have not yet submitted their data.

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Certifying officer and evaluator trainings

PENDLETON

Oct. 4, 2008, 10 a.m.

BEND

Oct. 9, 2008, 2 p.m

For more information, call Nancy Gillen at 971-673-0526 or e-mail her at nancy.j.gillen@state.or.us, or Donna Wilson at 503-807-5850 or ohdmtu@teleport.com.

2008 Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference

September 24-27, 2008, The Riverhouse Hotel and Conference Center, Bend.

www.ohsu.edu/ohsuedu/outreach/oregonruralhealth/about/conference/index.cfm

2008 Oregon EMS Conference

The Oregon EMS Conference will be Oct. 10-12, 2008, in Bend. A supervising physicians' forum and infection control officer's class are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, at the Riverhouse Resort and Conference Center in Bend.

Oregon EMS Supervising Physicians Forum

Friday Oct, 10, 2008, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in Bend, at the Riverside Resort and Conference Center - as part of the 2008 Oregon EMS Conference

For more information: Paul S. Rostykus, M.D., M.P.H., drrostykus@jcems.net or 541 601-9709.

National Association of EMS Physicians Conference and the National EMS Medical Directors Course, January 2009 in Florida – get the details from Ritu Sahni, M.D., ritu.sahni@state.or.us

2009 - Rural Aspects of EMS - The Timberline Conference

(The ONLY conference that has live music!)

Thursday, May 7, 2009 through Saturday, May 9, 2009.

FFI: For a draft schedule, costs, etc.:

www.EastClackamasCountyEMS.Org

Gary McLean, Vice Chair - ECCEMS

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Department of Human Services core values



- **Integrity** – We maintain the highest standards of individual and institutional **integrity**.
- **Stewardship** – Because all Oregonians have a stake in the actions of public sector employees, we are accountable in action and attitude for this **stewardship** of the public trust.
- **Responsibility** – We take **responsibility** for our actions.
- **Respect** – We **respect** the dignity and the diversity of our colleagues, communities and the people we assist.
- **Professionalism** – We maintain the highest standards of **professionalism**.

The people of DHS aspire to be guided by these five values in our daily work life as we make decisions to help Oregonians be independent, healthy and safe.



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