



Oregon EMS and Trauma Systems Program Update - September 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 are now certified by the EMS and Trauma Systems (EMS/TS) Program. The EMS/TS Program has provided information and applications to individuals and agencies that have reported providing first responder care. The EMS/TS Program is issuing certifications to first responders. If you have questions, please contact our office. If you have questions, please contact our office at 971-673-0520.

The Oregon EMS Conference

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Oregon EMS Conference. The Conference is organized and coordinated by a group of committed volunteers including representatives from organizations such as Oregon Research and Education Foundation, Braun Northwest, Life Flight Network, Rural Metro Ambulance, Oregon Research and Education Foundation, REACH and other independent EMT partners with an interest in EMS Training and Education.

The Oregon EMS conference evolved from a biannual EMS Conference hosted by the Oregon EMS and Technicians Associations. In 1992, the conference was revived with the help of the Oregon EMS and Trauma Systems staff in conjunction with the Oregon Research and Education Foundation of Emanuel Hospital, utilizing the expertise of representatives from the public, private and educational organizations throughout the Willamette Valley and the Portland Metro area.

. In 1993 the EMS/TS Office began public recognition of excellence in the provision of EMS services through the "EMS Awards Program" and awards banquet. The awards program and banquet are one highlight of the conference.

To register or learn more about The Oregon EMS Conference you can check out the web site at: <http://www.oregonemsconference.com/>

This years Oregon EMS Conference will be held in beautiful Bend, Oregon. Pre-Conference Dates are October 8 & 9 and the conference is October 10 & 11.



EMS Program information for August

TEST RESULTS	FAILED	PASSED
Basic written results	20	19
Basic practical exam	7	7
Intermediate written results	0	0
Intermediate practical exam	0	0
Paramedic written results	2	14
Paramedic practical exam	0	0

RECIPROCITY - BASICS

Applications received	11
Processed and certificates issued	4

RECIPROCITY - PARAMEDICS

Applications received	3
Processed and certificates issued	2

RECERTIFICATION AUDITS COMPLETED

Basics	1
Intermediate	0
Paramedic	0

During August, 3 new ambulances were licensed. Oregon Law Enforcement Data Systems background reviews were conducted on 119 new applicants and 54 national background reviews were completed.

Four investigations were opened. Two EMTs have surrendered their certifications pending the outcome of a criminal proceeding. Twenty-four certificate holders are completing court diversion requirements for DUII/BUUI (boating under the influence). There are currently 18 certificate holders on department-stipulated probation.

EMS Certification and Discipline Subcommittee

Suzann Schmidt chaired the quarterly meeting of the EMS Certification and Discipline Subcommittee on September 4th. The Subcommittee reviewed the procedures for issuing and monitoring EMT-Paramedic Provisional certificates, reviewed the Agency Reportable Actions form and interviewed some applicants for EMT certifications with special circumstances.

Oregon EMS Advisory Committee

The Oregon EMS Advisory Committee met on September 5th in the Portland State Office Building. The Committee heard the Federal EMS for Children site visit team explain their findings and reviewed the status of project. They also received reports on activities and coordination efforts with other agencies. There are 8 members of the Committee with terms expiring at the end of this year. A group was appointed to work with staff on this. The members are Dr. McCart, JD Fuiten, Will Bauscher and Suzann Schmidt. If you are interested in serving on the Oregon EMS Advisory Committee please contact our office or look on the web page at <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ems/ems-com/index.shtml>.

National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Oregon Department of Human Services, Public Health Emergency Preparedness is taking part in this nationwide effort to encourage you and your families to prepare for emergencies. There are simple steps you can take to better prepare yourself and your family.

Get an Emergency Supply Kit

Make a Family Emergency Plan

Be informed about the different types of emergencies and how to respond.

One good website for such information is: www.ready.gov

Prehospital Systems Manager

The Oregon 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. The position is open until September 25th. 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

New AHRQ Tool Estimates Resources Needed for Emergency Response

HHS' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality has released a new Web-based interactive tool to help hospitals and emergency planners identify resource requirements to treat an influx of patients due to major disasters such as an influenza pandemic or a terrorist attack. The Hospital Surge Model provides essential resource information for emergency planning strategies. It is able to estimate, by day, the number and flow of casualties needing medical attention for scenarios selected by users. These scenarios are consistent with the Homeland Security Council's National Planning Scenarios. For instance, planners can use the model to estimate how many patients each hospital unit will need to treat each day following an event, casualty arrival patterns and peak days of patient care, day by day use of the personnel, equipment, and supplies needed by each hospital to treat casualties, and a daily count of anticipated deaths and patient

discharges. The Hospital Surge Model was developed by AHRQ in collaboration with HHS' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. For more details on the Hospital Surge Model, visit the AHRQ Web site at <http://hospitalsurgemodel.ahrq.gov>.

EMSC efforts to improve training

EMSC is working in collaboration with the Office of Rural Health, Oregon Department of Transportation Traffic Safety, and OHSU Department of Emergency Medicine to improve the training of prehospital and hospital providers in the care of pediatric trauma using simulation exercises.

Heppner, Oregon was the site for the first in a series of trainings in rural communities. Photos and video from the exercise can be viewed at www.oregonemsc.org

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Certifying officer and evaluator trainings

BEND

Oct. 9, 2008, 2 p.m.

BANKS

Oct. 14, 2008, 5:30 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.

Mass Fatalities State Plan Seminar and Tabletop Exercise

The purpose is to introduce the State Mass Fatalities Plan to a broad range of county/regional responders, to discuss the coordination of state and local response, and to ensure the state plan is realistic, clear, and adequate. The tabletop exercise will focus on the state response, but will also stimulate discussion about county/local roles and responsibilities. The scenario for the tabletop exercise will be an earthquake. James Roddey, the Oregon geologist who is the earthquake subject matter expert for the Cascadia Peril scenario, will present on what to expect from such an earthquake in each location. The training would be particularly useful for those planning to participate in the Cascadia full-scale exercise next spring.

Participants will receive an orientation to the State Mass Fatalities Plan, participate in discussions related to State and county roles and responsibilities

and lines of communications, identify gaps in the State Mass Fatalities Plan, identify local areas that need strengthening, participate in a debriefing, or “hotwash,” and make recommendations for closing identified gaps.

The seminar and exercise is open to the faith community, morticians, funeral directors, medical examiners, Oregon tribes, and professionals from local health departments, hospitals, vital records, emergency management, law enforcement, fire/hazmat, EMS, Healthcare Regional Coordinators, PHEP Liaisons, and other emergency response partners.

Course # C00808

Register at the DHS Learning Center <https://dhslearn.hr.state.or.us>

- ⊕ At the top left of the page click **COURSES & REGISTRATION**,
- ⊕ Then, at the top right icon click **Find a Course and Register**,
- ⊕ **On the right, at Course #, type in C00808**

Select the session you would like to attend

Bend	Sept 16, 2008
La Grande	Sept 17, 2008
Klamath Falls	Nov 19, 2008
Eugene	Jan 13, 2009
Roseburg	Jan 14, 2009
Woodburn	Jan 20, 2009

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.

www.icems.net/docs/Fall_2008_supervising_physicians_forum_info.pdf

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The Big National Conference for Leaders of Little and Medium EMS

Agencies, October 27-31, 2008, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska.

<http://bnc.ncemsi.org/>

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

Online pre registration is now available for the **9th Annual EMSC 2009 Conference**. The conference will be held in Seaside Oregon February 27 (pre conference session), 28, and March 1 2009. This years' conference will include pre conference sessions on Pediatric Simulation and Pediatric Pain Management. The main conference schedule is in development. Go to www.oregonemsc.org for registration information.

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

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