

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
MINUTES
April 3, 2012**

Agenda item	Discussion
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 09:02 • February Minutes approved with no corrections
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Ugalde – Palatine Rural
Education Committee Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CE Development Tutorial - C. Mattera presentation this month began with lesson plans. They are the road map to where we want education to be. They are needed to drive educational development. The content needs to be linked to a standard which is mapped to an objective. Several recognized publishing were referenced for their contributions to education: <i>Madeline Hunter Mode – Lesson plans; Blooms Taxonomy – Higher order thinking; Multiple Intelligence – What are we good at; Instructional Scaffolding – How do we build this.</i> The initial step begins with a needs assessment. It includes looking at: <i>Where are we? Who are the learners? What do they need to know?</i> C. Mattera distributed and ask all to read “EMT-Paramedic and EMT-Intermittent Continuing Education” National Guidelines. Additionally, QI results, System surveys (Administrators, EMS MDs and stakeholders) and trends in EMS are utilized as part of the needs assessment. Then it’s “plugged” into the student. What are their learning styles? Visual, auditory, kinesthetic? • Video CE - J. Schneidwind is working with C. Mattera to finalize dates. • EMT Transition Education Material - Modules one and two are completed and available through Des Plaines FD website. Module III is being developed. • Monthly CE Review – Continued discussion on the documentation and validation of Independent Study Material and Post-Test review. Are 2 hours of credit being awarded for 15 minutes of review? The amount of review time will be removed from the monthly CE Evaluation sheets and they will be reduced to half-sheets. C Mattera commented that this process may be changing in the future. IDPH and National Registry are looking at a competency based more than an hourly based recertification. There would still be an hourly requirement, but it would not be the only aspect driving recertification. CE should be the time to present new material, not necessarily a repeat of what has already been taught. It was asked if there would be a way to develop a System needs assessment exam. There would be a set number of questions to determine a baseline. Each agency would need to take this sincerely. Could it be done without any punitive measures? Each System agency would be scored and they would be compared to the Entire system. Further discussion is planned for May 2012’s meeting
System and State Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Mattera distributed and discussed the “EMS on the Hill Report”. • The drug shortage was discussed. It was thought only to be a cancer medication shortage. • Could generics be made available to replace shortages? • The drug shortage was discussed at the State level. • National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) Report – discussion on revisions to the EMS Agenda of the Future. Looking at ways to fund EMS. EMS being looked at as a public good/essential service. Discussion on evidence based protocols and succession planning.
Adjournment Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 • Next meeting May 1, 2012