

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
MINUTES
August 5, 2008**

Topic	Discussion/Conclusions
<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Review of Minutes</p> <p>Review of Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 09:10 • June minutes approved and accepted as written • Agenda reviewed with no additions
<p>Introduction of new members:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Wood introduced – new EMS Educator for NWCH
<p>Education Committee Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Neubecker submitted minutes from the sub-committee meeting regarding System Entry Guidelines. (See attachment for details) A Power Point presentation from the Memphis FD on Field Training Officer Program was distributed. Results of the Field Entry Survey were distributed. D. Neubecker was looking to acquire written plans from departments that have an employee entry program. Planning on adding ECG self-assessment CD to the information handed out during system entry. Policy E-3 was distributed with specific areas emphasized. The System Entry Check Sheet and Status Report were distributed. A sample Excel spread sheet was distributed that would be available on the website. 1st step would be to have a preceptor to work with and sign-off on new employees who are preparing for the system entry written test. The statement “<i>Someone will sign-off at the agency before testing takes place</i>”, was posed to the Committee and ask if we could have a group consensus to move forward on this concept. All were in agreement. • Feed back on how the new education format is being received was limited, but in general was good. • A reminder that site codes will need to be attached to all CE to qualify for credit. • Pre-class material will change format during the year based on the topic at hand. C. Mattera stated she has been and will continue to evaluate the pre-class material for time frames to complete the reading.
<p>System and State Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent lead instructor class had 88 participants. Many from other states. Two more class are planned; March/April 2009 (south) and August 2009 (north). Feedback from this course was excellent. C. Mattera has and will continue to acquire donations to keep the Illinois Lead Instructor tuitions lower than other states. • C. Mattera asked for specific speakers or topics that could be presented at a workshop conference. • C. Mattera commented on the state feedback regarding the EMT-B pass rate. NWC = 81% which is higher than the state percentage. EMT-P = 95.7% which also is higher than the state percentage (79.8%) • The draft of the Trauma and EMS State Plan on Education has been published. • There is work on the online application for exams and payment – possibly ready by September. There will be an increase in the state testing. Current exam fees for EMT-B are \$20.00 but actual testing costs \$200.00. • There will be a new scope of practice for EMT-Bs. A bridge program will bring those EMT-Bs who licensed years ago up to the same level as newly trained EMT-Bs
<p>Next Committee Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics for the next meeting’s agenda were discussed. • The next meeting will be September 2, 2008 in Room LC 7 & 8

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Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:22