

**Northwest Community EMS System
Education Committee Meeting
MINUTES
September 3, 2013**

Agenda item	Discussion
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order at 09:05 • June's minutes approved with a grammatical correction.
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Education Committee Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CE Development Tutorial – no tutorial this month • Video CE – no report • System Entry – no report • Monthly CE Review – There was extensive discussion on the ECG strip identification portion of the post-test that was offered in September. The post-test results indicated that there are a significant number of paramedics that are having difficulty interpreting rhythms. Several reasons were discussed why this may be, but bottom-line it must be addressed. The committee recommended that each CE offered should include some aspect of ECG review and interpretation. This would allow for a continual exposure to rhythm identification. • C -2 Policy – This discussion began with a review of the new State continuing education hourly requirement. There was a detailed explanation of how the new requirement was proposed. It was explained how Illinois is acting "independently" from other states. The hours approved by Illinois were also significantly less than what is recognized by the National Registry. Illinois adopted hours are as follows: Paramedic = 100; EMT Advanced/I = 80; EMT = 60. Those who may want to acquire their National certificate may be short hours if they follow the new requirement. The Committee's consensus was that the CE policy language reflect the number of hours currently required by the National Registry; Paramedic = 120; EMT Advanced/I = 100; EMT = 80. It must be kept in mind that these are the minimal hours required, and they may change as skill requirements change for each level of certification. The portion of the Policy that explains CE hourly requirements will be amended and sent to the committee members for review and final approval.
System and State Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Paramedic class will be starting soon. A questionnaire was sent out for feedback regarding agencies expectations. It was recommended that students conform to more formal dress standards regardless of affiliation. There will be more rigorous standards related to attendance, academic performance, and expectations of each student. • EMS may soon be replaced with Mobile Integrated Healthcare Practice. Fire departments, in addition to 911 services, would need to be able to integrate a community based healthcare practice. These healthcare programs could be set-up in models which FD's could institute. • Upcoming changes in Federal reimbursement will influence the directions "EMS" will need to go. Benchmarks that are not met will have a direct reflection on both the pre-hospital and hospital healthcare services. • The State is currently working on the new Concealed Carry. • Check the System website for new EMS news on the decision making process.
Next Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 • Next meeting October 3, 2013.