



Northwest Community EMS System

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To: All Chiefs; Provider EMSCs, Hospital EMSCs/Educators

From: Susan Wood, BSN and David Schultz, EMT-P
Field Bridge Training Committee

RE: **Field Bridge Training follow-up
Request for officer participation in March CE**

This is an update to system participants regarding the January CE in which we rolled out Field Bridge documentation in a team-teaching format. It has been a rousing success on many levels. We first want to recognize those agency instructors who took the time and initiative to prepare and perhaps even step out of their comfort zone before standing up in front of their peers to teach. Additionally, we appreciate the behind the scene work to ensure that computers, PowerPoint and video were working and that the proper paperwork was available to class participants.

Additionally, we want to remind everyone of discussions held at the train-the-trainer roll outs in December. As the post-test bank and class credit questions are disseminated, each agency is asked to make available (either on a shared drive, intranet or hard copy) the additional materials that you received on the class CD. This includes the Paramedic Report Room Guide, the Data Field Elements Guide, and the Image Trend Field Bridge User Orientation Manual in addition to the class handout. These documents are the result of your peers' hard work to help create a smoother transition to Field Bridge and are a necessary reference for answering questions.

While the class was not mandatory; the information is essential for every EMT and paramedic who is expected to complete a patient care report using the Field Bridge software. Therefore, we have filmed a **videotape that will be made available to each agency** that can be used for review, reference and a make-up option. When the editing is complete, each EMSC will receive a CD for their agency. We hope that this will prove to be a valuable resource for you as new members join the System, etc.

March CE on Multiple Patient Incidents – Request for attendance

The March CE will review MVI/MCI incidents with a focus on field processes. These runs frequently include agency battalion chiefs and/or shift commanders who are making patient destination decisions. Because they are such a vital link in making these incidents run smoothly, the System is asking, if anyone who directly participates in one of these calls could attend the CE class so they are refreshed on the SOPs and can add the agency-specific flavor to the discussions that were so valuable in the January CE.

While not mandatory, we are seeking your voluntary cooperation to ever improve how we serve patients.

If you need assistance in anyway with something from the January CE, please feel free to contact Susan Wood, in the EMS office at 847-618-4486.