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MEMORANDUM

To: Ambulance Services

Governor's EMS Advisory Committee Physician Task Force on Prehospital Care

Physician Medical Directors

Fire Chiefs

Trauma Coordinators

From: EMS Office

Date: September 20, 2007

Subject: Office Update

The 37th Annual Wyoming Trauma Conference held August 23-26, 2007 at the Little America Hotel and Resort was a success with over 400 in attendance at the awards banquet on Saturday, August 25th. Six well attended preconference classes preceded the opening session on Friday morning. A big thank you to the over 40 vendors and sponsors of the conference as well as the support and assistance provided by Chris and Melody Icenogle, Coleen's CME team that handed out the stickers and introduced the speakers at the various sessions, Cheyenne Fire/Rescue, the State Fire Marshal's Office staff, and the speakers and instructors who presented during the conference. A special thank you to Secretary of State Max Maxfield for introducing the banquet's keynote speaker Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, the Firehouse 4 for the musical entertainment, and Boy Scout Troop 101.

Brent D. Sherard, MD, MPH, Director and State Health Office presented the Governor's Award for Physician Medical Director of the Year to Evanston's Kevin O'Meara, MD. The Medic of the Year went to Moorcroft's retiring ambulance director Mary Lou Petersen. The awards for EMT Class Coordinators went to Allen Spencer of Thayne as the EMT-Basic Coordinator and Peg Leininger of Green River for the EMT-Advanced Coordinator. The Douglas Police Department was presented with the Bystander of the Year Award. Meritorious Service Awards went to: Don Pope of Big Piney, Louis Hammer of Lusk, Susan Carnes and Sheri Lyon of Wamsutter and the recently disbanded Hanna Ambulance Service members.

The following were winners of the various drawings held throughout the conference:



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VIP Suite weekend for two at the Mineral Palace in Deadwood, South Dakota: Ken West Weekend for two at the Holiday Inn – Thermopolis – Dana Navarre Weekend for two at the Holiday Inn – Thermopolis - Tonya Vazquez Weekend for two at the Bear Lodge Resort in the Big Horn Mountains – Larry Macy Weekend for two at the Bear Lodge Resort in the Big Horn Mountains – Alan Arnold Golf weekend for two at Little America Hotel and Resort in Cheyenne – Emma Seip 50/50 - Gloria Dunn (\$306) Ruger Model 77 - .30-06 Rifle with Leupold Scope - George Pechulus Remington Model 870 Shotgun - Reed Robbins Gift Certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse in Casper - Jim Arnold

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Mark your calendars, the 38th Annual Wyoming Trauma Conference is tentatively scheduled for August 21- 24, 2008 in Cheyenne at the Little America Hotel and Resort. The EMS Office is currently negotiating with Little America personnel for a contract for next years' conference. Anyone with suggestions for speakers, topics to be covered, and ideas for preconference classes are encouraged to send them to the EMS Office.

Recertification testing is in full swing. A list of the testing locations and times has been sent to all EMTs scheduled to recertify this fall. The locations and times are also posted on the EMS website. For those coming to the EMS Office, we ask that you call ahead and arrive no later than 3:00 PM in order to be finished before the office closes at 5:00 PM. EMTs are reminded that, in order to insure their certification does not lapse, to have their recertification materials into the EMS Office postmarked by December 1st. Although several agencies send in their personnel's CMEs in one mailing, it is the individual EMT that is responsible to recertify in a timely fashion. Incomplete CME books and/or forms will be returned and may delay your recertification. If your certification expires you cannot function as an EMT until you have received your renewal card.

The EMS Office in collaboration with the Governor's Appointed EMS Advisory Committee, WAPP, and WAEMSA has developed a proposal for increased funding for the EMS Office programs. The proposal is aimed at providing funding to ambulance services and hospitals for the stabilization, maintenance, and support of their services. If accepted and approved by the Department, the Governor's Office and the Legislature the funds would become part of the Health Department's standard budget. This exception budget request is the first for the EMS Office in over twenty years. Further details will be forthcoming as the budget process evolves.

The development/deployment of the WYO Link communications systems is proceeding. Ambulance services are reminded to get with your local WYO Link representatives for the development of specific talk groups that will be used in your areas. For further information on EMS specific issues related to WYO Link contact Bob Dean at the EMS Office.



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The revisions to the EMS Rules and Regulations have been delayed until later this year. Similarly the updating of the Trauma Program Rules and Regulations has been delayed. It is hoped that both of these will be completed by the spring of 2008. All EMS providers are encouraged to submit your comments and suggestions for either of these two programs rules revisions to the EMS Office either in writing or electronically.

The EMS Office has been inundated with calls in regards to when Zofran will be available for use in the prehospital setting. The Board of Medicine has approved the medication. Bob Dean has been working with Dave Simkins of Cheyenne Fire/Rescue to develop a prehospital patient care guideline for the use of Zofran. A draft patient care guideline will be reviewed at the next Physician's Task Force on Prehospital Care meeting in October. It will then be disseminated to the ambulance services. Training will be left to the individual ambulance services and their identified physician medical director.

Ambulance services will soon be receiving their annual business license renewal applications. All ambulance business licenses must be renewed before the end of December each year. Questions concerning your ambulance business license status should be directed to Beth at the EMS Office.

Ambulance services are reminded that all trip reports should be sent to the EMS Office on a monthly basis. Figures from your trip reports are used to provide information to local officials and legislators. Additionally, the reports provide the EMS Office with data on the number of calls being seen statewide, type of responses, times involved in EMS responses, and skills being utilized. Advanced level skill reports and the Paramedic skill reports are due on the 10th of each month. This information will also be used in the annual EMS report which is presented to our two advisory committees.

For those ambulance services anticipating holding a 2008 spring EMT-Basic or EMT-Intermediate please have your class requests submitted to the EMS Office by November 15, 2007.

As the seasons change and temperatures begin to drop a reminder to check the expiration dates on your medications that are carried on your ambulance; the status of your personal protective equipment, and your medications storage procedures during winter months. Each ambulance service is reminded that it is their services' responsibility to insure that all medications are kept current and within the proper temperature storage guidelines.

Is your ambulance service prepared for a pandemic flu event? Have you been involved in the pandemic flu planning in your community? If not contact Merit Thomas at the EMS Office for information on how you can be better prepared in the event of a pandemic flu outbreak.