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2005 Meeting Dates

- January 4, 2005 at Bell Memorial
- March 1, 2005 at Marquette General
- May 3, 2005 at Bell Memorial
- June 28, 2005 at Marquette General
- September 6, 2005 at Bell Memorial
- November 8, 2005 at Marquette General

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Recently Updated Protocols

Quite a few of our protocols have been updated, and can be found on the MCMCA website shortly— www.mgh.org/mqtems. Many providers have mentioned that their protocol books seem to be out of date. Service Directors need to be vigilant in keeping revisions up to date, as the new Protocol Test for new providers will require them to use the Medical Control Plan.

We are also hoping to provide each service with a scaled-down version of the protocols to keep in the licensed EMS vehicles. Most services currently carry some or all protocols with them in their rigs, and this should help to reduce space.

EMS License Renewals

As you renew your license with MDCH, be aware that they have been actively auditing renewals. Please pay close attention to your CE credits, and be sure you have attended all required courses before sending in your renewal. Also, you must retain your credit slips for your records, and will need these if you get audited. It's a good idea to keep them through the next licensure period.

MFR's now need 15 continuing education credits to renew their EMS license per the new Administrative Rules that went into effect May 2004.

Our most recently updated protocols include:

- Trauma Protocols
- Competency Program
- Bioterrorism Protocols
- Public Access AED
- Communications Policy
- Drug Box Updates

As always, if you are interested in being on the Protocols Committee, please call the office at 225-7410. Many of our protocols need review and possibly revision, and we could sure use people who are willing to share their opinions on these!

Michigan currently requires MCA to do data collection, and may be enforcing current

data reporting rules in the near future. Compliance with protocols should become more identifiable, and will allow better quality improvement reporting and selection of continuing education topics based on results of reviews.

New EMS Providers

Effective Jan 2005, all agencies are required to submit copies of EMS licenses and BLS cards to the Med Control for approval before allowing new providers to work for an EMS agency in Marquette County. They are also required to complete the Med Control Plan Protocol Test per the new Medical Control Privileges (*Part 2, Section 2*) Policy, approved by the full Board of Directors on 9/7/04.

Take a moment to review the document at www.emscopeofpractice.org. The proposed changes could significantly change the look of EMS licensure levels and patient care. Be sure to submit any comments as directed before 1/30/05.

Epi-Pen Legislation

Governor Granholm signed the new Epi-Pen legislation on December 22, 2003. This gave all transporting EMS agencies one year to comply with the requirements of this program. We have had those interested get together to be sure that nothing in our current Epi-Pen Program conflicts with this law. As of December 22,

2004, all Marquette County transporting agencies are required to have Epi-Pens available on their vehicles, and all EMS providers will have completed the Epi-Pen training program as defined in the Medical Control Plan (*Part 3, Section 7*). If you have any questions on the Epi-PenLaw, or replacements, call the MCA office.

Please keep your AED, Albuterol, or Epi-Pen Trainings current. If you are near your due dates, please call early to schedule refreshers! Call the MCA office for information on cheaper Epi-Pen replacements in your rigs! Also, check expiration dates during your refresher trainings.

Watch for more information on the upcoming *Emergency Preparedness Transportation Summit* to discuss moving supplies, drugs, equipment, casualties, and more in a large-scale disaster! Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed!! Tentatively scheduled for April 2005.

Domestic Terrorism & WMD: A CISM Perspective is being offered on March 3 & 4, 2005 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Call Jim at 225-7745 or Region8@hline.org.

Communications (Cell Phones and Radios)

If you have a personal **cell phone** that you no longer use, and have considered donating it to one of the worthy charities out there, please read this first.

When you donate a phone to a local charity, and they sell it for a nominal price to someone else, the phone may end up being used as an 'uninitialized' phone with minutes added via the internet, etc., and potentially could be used for calling 9-1-1. Locating callers who are unable to speak or give their

location can be a big problem. PLEASE consider bringing your old/used cellphones to Cellular One, who has boxes set up for local charities. The phones get sent out of the area for recycling, and eventually sent out of the United States. Cell One receives a payment back, which goes directly to the charities identified. Thanks go out to Cellular One for their efforts in implementing this program.

The **800 MHz** radios that were purchased through the

HRSA grant program are starting to arrive. These are being distributed UP-wide to EMS agencies based on their priority (due to poor radio communication, other resources, etc.). Training is required per the Michigan State Police on use of these radios by all users, and will be set up with each agency as needed. A three day Train-the-Trainer program was held in November for over twenty people! Final programming templates are almost completed.

UP-EMS Conference and the Medical Director Course

Hopefully you were able to attend the 23rd Annual UP-EMS Conference. Key personnel from the Michigan Department of Community Health provided an update on Michigan EMS, including the license audits, renewals, trauma systems legislation, and other key topics. Dr. Tomacari and Dr. Mlsna, as

well as Dr. Hagle, Carol Leece, and Alyson all attended the Medical Director course that was organized and co-sponsored by the UP Health Care Network. The course provided information on Medical Control Authorities and Medical Direction, and how other areas throughout the state are meeting the

legislative requirements on protocol writing, proficiency testing, data collection, quality improvement reviews, and communications. All UP Med Controls were represented at the course. Thanks go out to UP-EMS for again sponsoring such a high-quality conference made available to us locally.

State Homeland Security and EMS for Children Grant Program

EMS agencies in Marquette County recently submitted requests to Marquette County Emergency Management Coordinator (Teresa Schwalbach) for equipment that would increase their level of protection in regard to Homeland Security issues. Agencies from fire, law enforcement, townships and cities, schools,

public works departments, and others were encouraged to submit requests for what they felt would put them in a better position of readiness. Funds from this program have not yet been distributed.

The EMS for Children Grant is ongoing, and will correlate with the implementation of

the Trauma Systems legislation that is currently pending. We are currently evaluating all Emergency Departments for pediatric capabilities, including both human resources and equipment. This process will include EMS as well. After we identify our deficiencies, we will apply for funds to provide training, equipment, or supplies as needed.

HRSA Regional Emergency Preparedness Grant

The HRSA Regional Emergency Preparedness Grant, which is being administered by the MCMCA, has been reviewing the 2005 objectives with all of the regional partners throughout the U.P.

EMS plays a large role in the 2005 objectives, as they will be required to develop and implement Mutual Aid Agreements between them, which will assist in resource sharing during a large incident. All agencies who completed their initial WMD training will receive their EMS PPE Kits

shortly. Agencies need to provide a brief orientation to familiarize staff with wearing the hooded respirators and other protective gear properly. Also, each will be receiving a case of N-95 respirators as all providers are required to be offered respiratory protection when working with patients who have certain airborne infectious diseases. Fit testing kits and trained fit testers have been made available.

A program entitled, *Domestic Terrorism & WMD: A CISM*

Perspective, is being offered in March of 2005 in Sault Ste. Marie. If you are a member of the CISM team, please plan on attending. If you're interested in the CISM team, please call the HRSA office for contact information at 225-7745.

If you are interested in being on the EMS Grant Advisory Group, please call the MCMCA office. This group provides recommendations to the Regional Planning Board on how they feel EMS funds should be distributed.

We need interested EMS people to:

- Help develop a system for delivering pharmaceuticals & supplies to affected areas in a disaster
- Become a part of an Emergency Response Team, and,
- Help to develop training programs and exercises.

If interested, please call Lisa at 225-7413 or Region8@hline.org

School of Emergency Medical Technology

The MGHS School of EMT is in the middle of another Basic-EMT program, and current students have recently started their Clinical Orientations. As always, please remember when that was "you", and help them out as they try to learn while completing their clinical requirements.

WELCOME to the new

School of EMT Director, Dennis Karuzas. Dennis started with the school in early October. If you have any questions about the School, feel free to call Dennis or Cheryl at 225-7590.

THANKS go out to Mark Norris, who, as the previous Director, put 100's of students through the program since its

inception. Best wishes to Mark as he moves forward in his EMS career as a full-time patient care provider with MGHS EMS.

CONGRATULATIONS go out to all the new EMT-P's who successfully completed both the paramedic course and the state testing requirements. Great Job!!!

New Website...
mi.train.org is a website available to you to find continuing education courses. You need to register, and then you can search by topic, type of training, etc. Hopefully more EMS courses will be offered at the site soon!

Congratulations, Welcomes, and Miscellaneous Notes

Service Info & Updates.....

Republic Township EMS as they moved into their new building!

Forsyth Township for upgrading their second rig to LALS!

Charlie Gardner, new Michigamme-Spurr Township EMS Director.

MGHS EMS for upgrading their BLS rig to ALS!

Heather Boyer, new Director for Skandia-West Branch.

Thoughts are with Bill Jan-nausch (Ishpeming EMS) who was deployed to Iraq in November.

Babies & Weddings.....

John Richards, Richmond Township on his new daughter, Samantha Shea!

Bob (131) & Sherry Uren

Mel (MGHS) & Patty VanLangendon

Mark & Sherry Norris (MGHS)

Dexter (MGHS) & Andrea Clark

Best wishes to Denise Belpedio (Champion EMS) on her retirement after 26 years.

Good Luck to Doug Landen (MGHS) on his retirement after 25 years!!



Dan Everson, Geoff Weston, Brian Phillips, (Mqt City Fire) and Rick Zambon for 1st place in the 2004 EMS Week Golf Outing!



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Camp 911 for Seniors Program

A Marquette County Camp 911 for Seniors Program is presently in the preliminary organizational phases and tentatively scheduled for June 23rd, 2005 at the Negaunee Township Hall. This will be a one-day program with a focus on safety awareness for the elderly. Subjects that will be discussed include fall prevention, safe driving, proper use of 911, fire prevention, and other areas that are of con-

cern for our senior population. Program planning is in conjunction with the Marquette County Retired Seniors and Volunteer Program through the Commission on Aging. This will be the first Camp 911 for Seniors offered in Marquette County, although similar programs have been provided in other areas of the U.P. If you have questions or possible interest in participation with this program, please contact Kathy Herrala at the Marquette County Commission on Aging at 226-4180, or Gary Gustafson, MGHS EMS at 225-3547.

Visit the
MCMCA website
at [www.mgh.org/
mqtems](http://www.mgh.org/mqtems)

MI-HAN Program

The Michigan Health Alert Network (MI-HAN) is giving all EMS agencies a license to participate on their alerting system. This will allow EMS agencies early notification of situations that may be important to them. It will enable EMS providers to properly protect themselves from emerging pathogens, such as SARS or Avian Influenza, as they issue notices of identified cases. HAN licenses are coming soon. Please call 225-7745 if you have EMS agency HAN license questions.



FIRST TRAUMA CARE

FIRST Trauma Care (FTC) is scheduled for July 29, 2005 and October 15, 2005. If you are interested in registering, please call Tom Flynn at (906) 226-9342.