

**Medical Control
Authority's New Office!**

The Marquette County EMS Medical Control Authority moved into its new office on April 1, 2002! The new phone numbers and address are above. You can also email any questions or concerns to asundberg@mgh.org. Please stop in at the new office on the third floor of the "JCM" Building at MGHS.

Q/I Reviews for 2001

It is a requirement of the State regulations that all agencies participate in a service and/or Medical Control-based Quality Improvement program. The 2001 reports are almost complete for those who participate in the Medical Control-based program.

If you participate in your own service-based quality program, please send a copy of your QI reports to the Medical Control office.

Thanks to all the agencies that have been sending in their reports monthly. This sure helps out a lot!

**EMS Medical Control Authority
2002 Board of Directors**

The members of the 2002 Board of Directors are listed below. If you have an issue that you would like added to the agenda of an upcoming Medical Control meeting, please let your service representative know!

Bell Memorial Hospital –
Carol Leece, R.N., and
Donna Day;

**Champion EMS 1st
Responders –**

Denise Belpedio;
Ely Township 1st

Responders – Kevin Smith;

Forsyth Township EMS –
Pete Ghiringhelli;

Ishpeming Fire/EMS –
Brian Gleason;

Marquette City Fire/EMS –
Dan Everson;

**Marquette County Central
Dispatch –** Gary Johnson;

**Marquette County Special
Operations –**

Errol Lukkarinen;
Marquette County

Emergency Services –
Lt. Michael Zorza;

**Marquette County Rescue
Unit –** Ned Cory;

**Marquette General Health
Systems EMS –** Dan Wolf;

**Marquette General Health
Systems –** Jim Richards and
Mary Johnson, R.N.;

Marq. Twp. Fire/EMS –
Danny Pompo;

Meetings remaining on
the 2002 Calendar:

May 7; *MGHS*

July 2; *Bell Mem.*

September 3; *MGHS*

November 5; *Bell Mem.*



Medi-Ride, Inc. –
Dave Guizetti;

**Michigamme-Spurr Twp.
1st Responders –**

Paul Peterson;

Powell Township EMS –
Gary Vargo;

Republic Township EMS –
Bruce Tapio;

**Richmond Township EMS
–** Julie Woodbridge;

Sands Township EMS –
Lyn Nelson;

**Skandia-West Branch 1st
Responders –**

Michele Bahrman;

**Tilden Mine 1st Responders
–** Scott Hoiem;

Wells Township EMS –
Vince Rushlow;

EMS Medical Director:
Richard Tomacari, D.O.

Asst. Medical Director:
Michael Mlsna, M.D.

EPI – PEN Project

If your unit carries Epi-Pens, have you checked the box for expiration dates lately? Also, if you are an MFR, EMT, or EMT-S that completed Epi-Pen Training, have you been recertified every six months as required?

If your service needs a list of the Epi-Pen Trainers, please call the Medical Control office.

Equipment in Emergency Departments

If you have equipment missing, please check the equipment storage areas in the Emergency Departments at both Bell Memorial and Marquette General.

These departments do not have the extra space to hold EMS equipment waiting to be picked up. Please check for equipment each time you go to either hospital.

ACLS Refresher Dates

MGHS Education Dept.
225-3470:
9/11/02 and 9/12/02

St. Francis 786-3311
Inservice Department:
10/23/02 and 10/24/02



2002 EMS/Fire Golf Outing



The 2002 EMS/Fire Golf Outing is planned for June 8, 2002 at Gentz Homestead Golf Course. Last year the weather didn't cooperate with us! Hopefully this year things will work out! If you are interested in playing, please call 225-7410.

LIGHTS AND SIRENS?

The Motor Vehicle Code of Michigan (257.603) allows an "authorized emergency vehicle" to:

- 1) *proceed through red lights, stop signs, etc. only after slowing down to assure safe operations; and*
- 2) *to exceed the recommended speed limit so long as they are not endangering life or property.*

These exceptions to the law are only granted when the vehicle is using at least one flashing, oscillating or rotating red or blue light AND an audible signal (i.e. bell, siren, horn, etc.).

Ideas/Suggestions?

Do you have any ideas, events or information for the MCA Newsletter? Please let us know!

NEW AMBULANCE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

A review of the new ambulance inspection requirements will be presented by *UPEMS* on Thursday, May 16, 2002 at MGHS. These inspections now include administrative requirements, such as HazCom plans and Exposure Control plans. Please RSVP at 225-7410.

This will be followed by a discussion regarding Marquette County EMS Medical Control protocols, and service requirements. Continuing education credits will be offered for this informational session. A minimum of ONE representative from each service should be present.



Upcoming Summer Events

Call for more info if interested.

EMS/Fire Golf Outing
(June 8, 2002)

Michigamme-Spurr First
Responder Bottle Cap
Fundraiser (July 4th)

UP Firefighters Tournament
Ironwood
(July 25-27, 2002)

Powell Township EMS
Picnic (August)

UP-EMS Annual Conference
(Fall 2002)

Continuing Education Credits Online

The websites below are MDCIS-approved for Continuing Education Credits. There are varying prices on each site for credits.

www.ems-ce.com
www.emcert.com
www.eminet.com
www.miemseducation.com

Stars of Life and Meritorious Service Awards

Please get your Nomination Forms in for the Stars of Life Awards and any EMS Meritorious Service Award Nomination Forms you may have before April 30, 2002.



The EMS Week Reception is scheduled for 7 p.m. May 22, 2002 in Conference Room One at MGHS. A light lunch will be served. **This event is open to everyone.** Please plan to attend to help honor those receiving awards.

If you are able to carry one of 50 US flags in the Marquette 4th of July parade, please call Captain Henderson at 228-0400.



Continuing Ed Courses Available

Upcoming courses in Marquette County that are available for ongoing Continuing Education Credits:

May 11 - Pediatrics
MGHS: 225-7590

May 16 – EMS Ops and Medical/Legal
MCA: 225-7410

If you want to help with Camp 911, please call Gary Gustafson at 225-3547



CPR Recertification

If you need a list of instructors who can provide you with CPR Recertification, please call 225-7410.

There is also a course at MGHS with CPR recerts offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Call 225-3470 to register.

Is your AED certification up to date?

Did you know that if you are a 'volunteer', and your department does not charge for EMS services, you do not have to pay the license renewal fee?

Sec.20954(5).

Run Sheets

Please turn run sheets in to the Emergency Departments as soon as possible following any EMS call.

EMS Medical Control Authority Committees

The MCA Board of Directors is served by six committees that address pertinent issues and provide recommendations to the full MCA Board of Directors. The committees are listed below. If you would like to hear more or be a part of one of these committees, please call the MCA office at 225-7410 or send an email to asundberg@mgh.org.

- ☞ Communications Committee
- ☞ Operations and Interagency Relations Committee
- ☞ Pharmacy Committee
- ☞ Protocols/Quality Assurance Committee
- ☞ AED Committee
- ☞ Training Committee