The office of the Oregon Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Trauma Systems Program is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., in Suite 465 of the Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Avenue, Portland.

**TRAUMA SYSTEM CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY**

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the official beginning of the Oregon Trauma System. The trauma system started operation after several years of development. In 1983, Senate Joint Resolution 23, authorized the Oregon Health Services (OHS) to develop a plan for a statewide trauma system. In 1984, the Oregon Trauma Plan, which included standards and pre-established protocols for prehospital trauma care, trauma center triage, trauma center designation, system-wide quality assurance, research, and injury prevention was completed. In 1985, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 147, which provided the authority for the creation of a statewide trauma system making Oregon one of the few states in the nation to approach trauma care in a systematic manner. In 1987 legislation was passed to develop the Oregon Trauma system, and in 1988 after development of the trauma triage criteria, the hospital activation tools and designation of the first trauma hospitals, the first official trauma patients were put into the Oregon Trauma System.

The dedication of the prehospital and trauma care communities has continued to allow Oregon to deliver outstanding trauma care to people in Oregon. A 20-year Celebration of the Oregon Trauma System will be held Friday, September 12, 2008 at the Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach in Portland. Additional information will be available on the State EMS/Trauma website and in this newsletter as plans evolve to mark this outstanding achievement.

**Trauma Advisory Board**
The State Trauma Advisory Board (STAB) will meet on July 18, 2008 at the Portland State Office Building (800 NE Oregon St) in Room 1B. The public meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:30 am.

**EMT Regulations**
The updated EMT regulations are awaiting adoption. The EMS Program will provide notification when the regulations are adopted.

**EMS Preparedness Plan**
The EMS and Trauma Systems Program and Oregon Office of Rural Health have convened four meetings to discuss the draft Oregon EMS Mass Casualty Incident Plan and is being revised based on the comments and suggestions. We want to thank the nearly 100 individuals who participated in the review sessions. Comments and notes from the stakeholder meetings
can be found on the Office of Rural Health Web page at:
http://www.ohsu.edu/ohsuedu/outreach/oregonruralhealth/events/ems_mci_plan_meet.cfm

Certifying Officer and Exam Evaluator Training
In preparation for adoption of the new regulations, the EMS Program is conducting several training sessions on the role and responsibilities of certifying officers and exam evaluators. The training will be required for Basic and Intermediate practical exams and is encouraged for Paramedic practical exams. Certifying Officers and Exam Evaluators help screen and evaluate all levels of EMT practical exams. If you would like more information on these trainings or to become an exam evaluator or certifying officer, please contact Nancy Gillen at 971-673-0526 or nancy.j.gillen@state.or.us.

The pertinent section in the proposed regulations is:

333-265-0023
First Responder and EMT Examinations
(16) EMT-Basic and Intermediate practical examinations must be attended by a division approved:
(a) Certifying officer that:
   (A) Is certified in Oregon as at least an EMT-Basic for EMT-Basic exams and at least an EMT-Intermediate for EMT-Intermediate level exams and in good standing with the Division;
   (B) Has completed training offered by the Division explaining the role and responsibilities of a certifying officer; and
(b) Examination evaluator that:
   (A) Is currently certified at a level equal to or higher than the level of certification for which a student is being tested and is in good standing with the Division; and
   (B) Has completed training offered by the Division explaining the role and responsibilities of an examination evaluator.

Nominations for EMS Awards

EMS Data Pilot Project Provider Update
The training sessions that provide EMS user training for ImageTrend (a patient care report) software have been completed in Enterprise, LaGrande and Pendleton and several EMS agencies have expressed interest in participating in the EMS Data Pilot Project. Additional training sessions for this will be held:

Medford May 15
Klamath Falls May 16
A Webinar (web-based training) accessible by any agency with a high-speed internet connection is scheduled for June 13.

Contact Kassie Clarke at clarkek@ohsu.edu, or Will Worral at 971-673-0536 or william.h.worrall@state.or.us for details.

EMS Statewide Data Collection for May

One component of the Data Pilot Project is an attempt to collect data from all EMS agencies for the month of May, 2008.

The EMS & Trauma Systems Program is requesting information on each Prehospital Care Report for all EMS agencies for the month of May. All transport agencies should have received a request with their license renewal application. Non-transporting EMS agencies will receive a similar request.

EMS agencies are asked to submit EMS patient encounter information by June 15, 2008. This information must be submitted in one of the following means:

a) If you use a database which meets the NEMSIS 2.2.1 standard, you may submit an XML export.

b) You may submit a spreadsheet prepared according to a format that is attached.

c) You may duplicate all of the EMS Patient Care Report forms and mail them to our office.

2. Please identify any costs or barriers associated with complying with this request. Costs and barriers might include the following:

a. Duplication and postage costs.

b. Difficulties in preparing a spreadsheet.

c. Time involved in preparing the information.

3. If your EMS agency is not able to provide the requested data, please

a. Identify the specific reasons that you are not able to provide the requested data.

b. Identify the number of EMS patient encounters during May 2008.

For additional information, contact Will Worral at 971-673-0536 or william.h.worrall@state.or.us.

EMSC Facility Recognition

Evelyn Lyons, EMSC manager, with the state of Illinois made a presentation to the Oregon EMSC Advisory Committee in March on the Illinois EMSC Facility Recognition Program. EMSC Performance Measure 66c requires states with EMSC programs to develop a standardized system that recognizes hospitals that are able to stabilize and/or manage pediatric medical emergencies and trauma. As a first step toward achieving the performance measure requirement, Oregon EMSC will conduct a system analysis of services for emergency and acute medical care for pediatric patients. To view Evelyn Lyon's presentation at the meeting go to: www.oregonemsc.org
Intermediate in a Box
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVFR), Lake Oswego Fire Department and Eugene Fire have jointly developed an EMT-Intermediate Bridge course. This course includes DVDs of the didactic material. The course requires some group discussion and work with your training officer is still required. Please have your training officer contact:
Eric Schult, TVFR  eric.schult@tvfr.com;
Steve Dehart, Lake Oswego Fire Department, sdehart@ci.oswego.or.us; or Karen Anderson, Eugene Fire Department, karen.l.anderson@ci.eugene.or.us.

MTU Events and Activities.
In March the Mobile Training Unit (MTU) staff taught at the Oregon State Police EMS instructor in-service. The MTU also taught a modified PHTLS course to the EMS instructor group of the Oregon State Police. Feedback was very positive.

Other MTU trainings in March included triage in Molalla and a Geriatrics for EMS course in Ontario that included participants in the EMT-Basic and Intermediate classes. MTU staff also taught airway and respiratory courses in Silver Lake and Pendleton and a medical patient assessment in Paisley, childbirth in Monument, pediatrics in Millington and an MCI tabletop exercise in Myrtle Point. The MTU conducted a Prehospital Trauma Life Support course in LaGrande on April 19 and 20.

The MTU will teach a Pediatric Education for Prehospital Personnel course in Reedsport April 26 and 27. For information, contact Donna Wilson at (503) 807-5850.

The MTU will teach CME classes in April in Port Orford, Wimer, John Day and Christmas Valley.

EMS Program Activities
Agency and ambulance renewal notices have been mailed. The renewal period will be for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Non-transporting EMS agencies will be receiving a request in the mail to update information on our registry of EMS Agencies.

During March, 13 new ambulances were licensed, 25 fingerprint background checks were conducted and 146 Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) Oregon background checks were processed. Eight new complaints were received and one new investigation was opened. One certificate holder was placed on suspension and one certificate holder was placed on stipulated probation. Two investigations were closed. Nineteen certificate holders are completing court-ordered probation after DUII incidents (monitored by program staff), and 16 individuals are on department-stipulated probation.

* Recruitment: There are open recruitments for a Compliance Specialist 3 and a Compliance Specialist 1. (Prehospital Standards Representatives). For further information
Upcoming Events

EMS Medical Directors Course
The one-day NAEMSP medical director course has been changed to Thursday, April 24, in Eugene. Check with Ritu Sahni, M.D., M.P.H., for confirmation and details at 971-673-0631 or ritu.sahni@state.or.us.

EMS Supervising Physicians Forum: Friday, April 25, in Eugene. The agenda will include quality improvement and patient safety processes, protocol comparisons, disaster preparedness and public access defibrillation programs. Check with Ritu Sahni, MD, MPH for information at ritu.sahni@state.or.us.

Acute Stroke and Acute Myocardial Infarction: Pre-hospital & Emergency Departments Working Together to Establish Systems of Care to Improve Health Outcomes Symposium. This symposium is scheduled for Friday, May 30, in Eugene. The event will bring together EMS supervising physicians, cardiologists, neurologists, hospital emergency department managers/administrators, EMS agency managers and others to learn about STEMI triage programs and discuss how these ideas might apply to stroke care. For details contact Rachel Saunders at (971) 673-1085 or email: rachel.b.saunders@state.or.us.

2008 Oregon EMS Conference
The Oregon EMS Conference has been scheduled for Oct. 10-12, 2008, in Bend. A supervising physicians forum also is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, in Bend. An infection control officers class also is scheduled.

EMS Week 2008 Planning
EMS Week 2008 will take place May 18-24, 2008, with May 21 designated as EMS for Children Day. The slogan for 2008 is “EMS: Your life is our mission.”

April is National 9-1-1 Education Month
The U.S. Senate has formally endorsed April as National 9-1-1 Education Month following the industry effort by the Coalition for 9-1-1 Education to educate the public on the 9-1-1 system. For more information and activities, go to www.e911institute.org.

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