



THE SIREN

A Duty to Respond?

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NCAC Legal Advisor

Recently two 911 dispatchers, who were certified EMTs, were on a break drinking coffee when a patron of the restaurant experienced a medical emergency. The two dispatchers left the restaurant and made no effort to attend to the patron who later died from her illness. Are the 911 dispatchers or their employer (the City of New York) legally liable for their failure to act?

The answer starts with an analysis of English common law, the source of most of American Law. Under common law there was no affirmative duty to act on another's behalf, but if a person undertook to help, that person had better act without negligence. As one of my law school profs put it, "If you pass a baby drowning in a mud-puddle, you have no duty to do anything to help that baby, but if you attempt to rescue it and cause the baby damage by a botched attempt, you are liable for negligence." This was the law of New York up until the latter part of the twentieth century.

But there were many situations where people failed to help those in distress whether it was medical distress or the result of a crime. Some older Corps members may remember, for example, the Kitty Genovese case, where a young girl was stabbed to death while over 60 of her neighbors watched or heard the crime and no one lifted a finger to help. Inaction extended to all areas of life and as a result the New York State legislature, in a rare act of good sense, enacted the "Good Samaritan Law" to encourage people to step-up and help those in need.

The Good Samaritan Law. Public Health Law section 3000-a provides:

... [A]ny person who voluntarily and without expectation of monetary compensation renders first aid or emergency treatment at the scene of an accident or other emergency outside a hospital, doctor's office or any other place having proper and necessary medical equipment, to a person who is unconscious, ill, or injured, shall not be liable for damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by such person or for damages for the death of such person alleged to have occurred by reason of an act or omission in the rendering of such emergency treatment unless it is established that such injuries were or such death was caused by gross negligence on the part of such person.

Effectively, the Good Samaritan Law raised the level of negligence a volunteer had to make, in order to be liable, from ordinary negligence to "gross negligence." Thus protecting all first responders who try to assist others so long as they are not paid first responders. But the 911 dispatchers were paid and they are not being criticized for negligence, gross or otherwise. They're being criticized for not responding at all. What does the law say about their situation? Does it make a difference that they're paid? Does it make a difference that they're trained EMTs?

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Let's examine the case of Frantz Etienne and the New York City police department, a case decided in the Second Department Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in December 2007 (that's the intermediate level appeals court for our geographic area). In December of 1999, Mr. Etienne's mother, Marie, was having difficulty breathing. Mr. Etienne called the city-run ambulance service to aid his mother. The ambulance left its headquarters and a city police officer arrived to tell Mr. Etienne that help was on the way. There was a delay and Marie Etienne died. Mr. Etienne sued the City for negligence.

Citing the earlier cases of *Laratro v. City of New York* and *Cuffy v. City of New York*, the appeals court held that in general a municipality may not be held liable to a person injured by the breach of a duty owed to the general public, such as a duty to provide police protection, fire protection or ambulance services. *...continued on p. 2*



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However, citing the same cases, the Court held that there is a narrow class of cases in which the courts have recognized an exception to this general rule and the courts have upheld torts cases (negligence is a part of a class of legal wrongdoings called, "torts") in which a "special relationship" exists between the municipality and the claimant. The elements of a "special relationship" are four:

1. An assumption on the part of the municipality, through promises or actions, of an affirmative duty to act on behalf of the party who was injured;
2. Knowledge on the part of the municipality's agents that inaction could lead to harm;
3. Some form of direct contact between the municipalities agents and the injured party; and
4. That party's justifiable reliance on the municipality's affirmative undertaking.

In ruling partially against and partially for Mr. Etienne, the Court found that the third element, "direct contact" and the fourth element "reliance" may have been met by the police officer who contacted Mr. Etienne and told him the "help was on the way". Unfortunately, the appeals

court was only responding to a question of law on something called a summary judgement motion, so all we know from there is that the case was sent back for trial or settlement. What is important is that the court laid out the requirements for liability.

This means that our 911 dispatchers and the City of New York which employed them will be found liable only under two circumstances.

First, if somehow their inaction constituted "gross negligence" under the Good Samaritan Law. But since that law addresses action, not inaction, such a result is unlikely.

Second, if a special relationship is found to exist between the victim and the two dispatchers. But this is also unlikely since there was no direct contact between the municipalities agents and the injured party. These two dispatchers did not even make eye-contact. They just walked away.

So it seems that while the inaction of the two dispatchers was reprehensible and contrary to everything the volunteers of NCAC stand for, they are "off the hook" legally.

They still may be in trouble however, if they failed to follow the guidelines and requirements of their employer. Since the City of New York does not like bad publicity, something bad is likely to happen to them, but not likely in a court of law.

The moral of the story? As of now, NCAC members are legally free to ignore someone in need of treatment unless the "special relationship" test described above is met, and if you do treat someone and that person is injured by the treatment (including transport), NCAC *volunteers* are not liable for anything other than gross negligence. **Paid** ambulance workers who are privately employed or who serve as independent contractors for NCAC are liable for all forms of negligence and depending on the wording of their contracts *may* be liable for their failure to act as well. Volunteers have it better.



CREW TASK SHEETS IMPLEMENTED

As of 1/10/10, a binder was placed in the crew room with set tasks for each shift divided by Day and Night tours on each day. Please fill out one sheet for each tour you work, or if you are relieving someone at either 1300hrs or at 0100hrs add yourself to the sheet for that day and complete any tasks that the crew prior to you has not completed up till that point. The line of Nyack Ambulance will be stopping in and collecting these sheets on a regular basis.

In addition to the assigned tasks for each crew please DO NOT leave dirty linen lying around the building. We all spend time in our station and together we can help keep it a nicer and cleaner place.

If you have any questions or any concerns feel free to contact one of the line officers.

Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Jeremy Griffel



NEW NCAC OFFICER SLATE

Nyack Community Ambulance Corps Board of Directors and Line Officers for 2010

**President:
William McDowell**

**Vice President (Administration):
Tracey Johnson**

**Vice President ("The Captain"):
Paul Morer**

**Secretary:
Jeremy Griffel**

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Cathy Radziemski**

**Board Members at Large
(3 Positions):
Steven Borton
Jamie Spadafora
Cat Steger**

**Training Officer:
Willie White**

**Lieutenants (3 Positions):
Ivan Guerra
Jeremy Griffel
Jamie Spadafora**

**Medical Director:
Dr. Oscar Marcilla**

**Corps Attorney:
Duncan Lee**

**Corps Chaplain:
Reverend Richard Gressle**

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Let's give our Board of Directors and Line Officers our support throughout the year. We thank them for their service!

**CASE OF THE QUARTER
TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE
WIN AN AWARD**

You and your partner are dispatched to Memorial Park for "man not feeling well." The crew signed into service and you are on your way. 201 dispatch advises you that there aren't any medics available. You have arrived on scene to find a woman running to the ambulance advising you that her father is ill. She advises you that she picked her father up from the Nyack Manor and was taking him out for a Sunday afternoon with the kids.

Upon arriving at the patient, you find an 85 y/o man sitting in a chair, pale, dry and not oriented. You record vitals of B/P 80/40, pulse 30 and irregular, respirations are 10 and labored.

The daughter advises you that her father just had dialysis yesterday and he was fine when they left the nursing home.

While examining the patient, his only verbal response is grunting.

You package the patient and make him ready for transport. While enroute to Nyack Hospital, 201 advises you that Nyack Hospital is on a lock-down due to hostage situation and you cannot go there.

What is going on with the patient?

What is your treatment to this patient?

How would transfer this patient to the ambulance?

What equipment would you be using for treatment?

What hospital are you transporting to?

This was an actual call with-out the hostage situation. Provide the correct answers and there will be award....email or in my mailbox.

Willie White

Training Officer/ncac-6

**CAUTION:
SUICIDE BY INHALED CYANIDE
ON THE RISE IN THE U.S.**

*From
The Kansas City Star, Mo.
Posted: Thu, 12/31/2009 - 03:41
Updated: Thu, 12/31/2009 - 09:04*

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Dec. 22--Suicide-by-cyanide is extremely rare -- only four cases in the country -- the FBI told Sugar Creek authorities.

"Unfortunately, number 4 was here," Sugar Creek Police Chief Herb Soule said today.

Also unfortunate is that four emergency responders and a relative of the victim were also exposed to the hydrogen cyanide a 59-year-old man used to kill himself Monday morning. A firefighter and three police officers were treated at a hospital as a precaution, Soule said.

The Kansas City Star typically does not write about suicides, but in this case, the FBI contacted Sugar Creek because of the "terrorism aspect" of using toxic chemicals.

The victim shut himself in the cab of a pickup and opened two canisters of cyanide, Soule said. When emergency personnel responded to the house in the 11400 block of Burton Street they were exposed when a firefighter opened the truck's door.

Soule said the man worked at a lab and that is probably where he got the cyanide.♦

EMS agencies in NY State are issuing warnings as well. There have been cases of suicide by inhaled hydrogen in which the victim posted warning notes on the car's windows, but DON'T COUNT ON IT.

Keep this possibility in mind when approaching a room or vehicle with an unresponsive person. - Ed.



Westchester Dept. of Emergency Services Reports Radio Thefts

DES has been notified that a neighboring County has experienced a significant number of portable radios thefts from FIRE vehicles, particularly Chiefs vehicles. In most cases the only equipment stolen was the portable radios and not other easily accessible valuables.

This report has raised security concerns related to emergency communications. We ask that all Westchester FIRE & EMS agencies be extra vigilant in securing vehicles, radio equipment and other critical supplies (Uniforms, turnout gear, etc.).

Please verify that all radio equipment is accounted for and that vehicles are secure that are left outside a locked facility. If equipment is found to be missing or if an agency is aware of ANY suspicious activity concerning vehicles or stations, we urge that it be reported immediately to local authorities and also ask that DES be informed. We will make every effort to disseminate additional information as it becomes available.♦

- *This warning applies to all of us. Recent events prove that terrorist activity in the U.S. is still very real. - Ed.*

NEW PHONE LIST

In this issue of the Siren you will find the latest NCAC phone list, by last name and by radio number. Please review these and let me know any changes as they occur.

Please keep all numbers on these lists **CONFIDENTIAL**. If a non-corps member is looking for a member's phone number, either put them thru to the person's voicemail box OR take the caller's phone number and forward it to the member they are trying to reach.

As always thank you for all you do for Nyack EMS – without you as members the corps would not be able to exist.

--Jeremy Griffel

Spanish Lesson:

Hola [OH-la] - Hello *Como esta?* - How are you?

Hablo poquito [po-KEE-toh] español - I speak little Spanish.

Me llamo (your name) [meh YA-mo] - My name is . . .

Como se llama? - What is your name?

Sientase por favor - Please sit down.

Donde se duele? - Where does it hurt?

Cuantos años tiene? - How old are you?

Necesita ayuda? - Do you need help?

Vamos - Let's go. *Hospital* [OHS-pi-tal]

Cabeza - head *Estomago* - stomach

Dolor - pain *Medicina* - medicine

Lentamente - slowly *Rapido* - quickly

Diabetico - diabetic *Familia* - family

Our Own Internet Café

Responding to requests from our membership, the Nyack Community Ambulance Corp is initiating a 'wireless internet' service in our building. Now, members can bring in their laptops, wireless PDA's and other internet capable devices and use them while waiting for a call. Many of our members are going to school, taking extra credit classes or doing their own research and this new service will be a real plus. Here's how it will work:

If you want to be able to log on, contact Steve Borton (845-323-2572 cell) and he will be able to set you up. Our new systems blocks inappropriate web sites and tracks usage by each person. Imbedded in each of our machines is a unique identifier that Steve will put into a user database. We will also sign an 'Internet Usage Form' that states we are aware and responsible for our actions on the internet. If you have any questions or want to get set up – give Steve a call.

We continually want to make our corps, Nyack Community Ambulance Corp, a pleasant and productive place to work and volunteer. Our new 'Internet Café' is a step in that direction.

-- Steve Borton



KAPTAIN'S KORNER

PAUL MORER NREMT-B

I recently took a second rig call in 24B1, and the truck had only 1/4 tank of fuel (not the first time this has happened).

Also, last Wednesday the truck was used as a second rig for a call that turned into a cardiac arrest, and the truck had no backboards -- **not one.**

These conditions are simply unacceptable, and did not happen by just using the truck for second rigs. These had to occur while it was the primary truck.

It is all of our responsibilities to assure the truck is re-stocked and properly fueled, ready to respond after EVERY call.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

TRAINING NOTES

FROM WILLIE WHITE, NCAC TRAINING OFFICER

Happy New Year Everyone:

The Commercial Drivers License and You?

I am hoping that everyone had joyous Holidays with family and new/old friend. As we begin a New Year, this is the time to think about new training ideas, new equipment to serve our community on the Basic Life Support (BLS) level. We should try to stay ahead of ourselves to ensure that we are prepared for the worse.

Recently, I sent an e-mail out to everyone asking for feedback on new ideas (training) and surprisingly I got a huge response. Structured MCI'S, proper use of equipment, radio communication (dispatch/hospital), resolving conflict and not to be dependent of the Paramedic. All of these ideas are great and everyone would benefit.

I would like to set-up different dates and possibly get other outside lecturers and hands-on to assist. Currently now, our monthly training date is the last Tuesday of every month.

I have included a list of scheduled training dates for everyone's benefit. Remember, everyone (EMT/DRIVER/TRAINEE/YOUTH CORPS) our training sessions can only help improve your patient care skills. Also, current CME class dates will be posted for those EMTs enrolled in the CME program. Remember, you cannot do all of your core classes on-line. If you like to see the various training dates, log onto Google calendar then send an email to Frank Deschino

FDeschino@RocklandParamedics.org

and he will be able to provide you with the various training dates at different agencies. I still post up-coming classes on the training board at the building.

There has been a hot topic lately among the Fire Dept nationally regarding requirements for drivers to have commercial driver's license. While I don't think this will be an issue for ambulance operators unless there excessive weight or there is an air-brake installed.

There are a few tabled issues regarding this matter, First the positive and the only one, Drivers would be taught professionally for various situations that may occur. Now the negatives, a Commercial Drivers License is very expensive to obtain. Would the government subsidize our agency for 20 drivers and the renewal fees? Would all of our current driver's have the time to attend classes?

If you currently have a dirty license, you cannot obtain a CDL. While operating with a CDL, you cannot have any motor vehicle points on your license or you risk losing your CDL and if this happens, would you get your regular driver's license back? I am going to take a guess and say no.

Hopefully our leaders up in Albany are doing their best to ensure Volunteer Ambulance agencies will be exempt from this requirement.

[See the Sept 2009 Siren for an overview of the CDL-for-emergency-vehicle-operators issue. -Ed.]

NOTE TO DRIVERS:
 All three ambulances now have remotes in them to open their respective bay doors. Please be reminded of our policy however, that you **MUST** have a spotter in the bay backing you up.



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. . . WILLIE WHITE

I have listed below everyone that is due to expire or is expired. So that there is no confusion regarding your certifications, once you have expired, you are expired. This list is dated from January 1st 2010-June 30th 2010. So if you see your name on the list, please contact me.

Name	Certification	Status			
Ambler	CPR	Expires June 30th 2010			
Andreassen	CPR	Expires June June 11th 2010			
Baer	CPR	Expired Needs to show a current card or sit for a full class			
Berma	CPR	Expires May 31st, 2010			
Bideiwy	CPR	Expired Needs to show current card or sit for a full class			
Borton, S	CPR	Expires May 30th, 2010			
Dailey	CPR	Expired Needs to show a current card or sit for a full class			
Dupiton	CPR	Expired Needs to show a current card or sit for a full class			
Finch	Emt Card	Need a copy of your card			
Godoy	CPR	Expires May 31st 2010			
Johnson	CPR	Expires May 31st 2010			
Konkel	CPR	Expires Feb 4th 2010			
Menendez	CPR	Expires Jan 13th, 2010			
Radziemski	CPR	Expires Jan 31st, 2010			
Rawcliffe	CPR	Expired Needs to show a current card or sit for a full class			
Richardson	CPR	Expired Needs to show a current card or sit for a full class			
Sampson	CPR	Expires June 12,2010			
Sampson	EMT Card	Expires Jan 31st 2010..Cannot ride on the ambulance			
		after this date unless without new EMT card			
Savarese	CPR	Expires June 16th 2010			
Scully	CPR	Expires May 31st 2010			
Stoltze	CPR	Expired Needs to show a current card or sit for a full class			
Tighe	CPR	Expired Needs to show a current card or sit for a full class			
Wangrycht	CPR	Expired Needs to show a current card or sit for a full class			
Westcott	EMT	Card Expires June 21,2010 Needs to enroll into a			
		refresher class; not a CME participant			
White	CPR	Card Expires May 30th, 2010			
There are CPR instructors in our organization.					
Tracy Johnson, Willie White, Jeremy Griffel, Mike Lantz, Cathy Scully...					
Please see one of these individuals for a class					

Did you know that Governor Patterson has stopped paying the tab for PCR's for ambulance agencies, and soon he will stop subsidizing agencies for putting their volunteers into EMT or refresher classes? Currently the cost to put one member through the EMT class is \$750. If you have any intention of becoming an EMT, you should do it now while the State is paying. Captain Paul Morer, Mike Lantz and I have picked out an E-PCR program to use on laptops in the ambulances and hopefully will have them operating by the summer. We hope that this E-program will eliminate our need for paper pcrs and further costs.

Lastly, I would like wish **Deirdre, Morgan** and **Natasha** well in their up-coming EMT class.

Any questions about further training ideas, please contact me directly.

-- Willie R. White



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Listed by Last Name**



Last Name	First Name	Status	Unit	Home Phone	Cell / Alternate	Ext	Position	Special Notes
Baer	Michael	EMT / Dr	24	845-267-8160	845-494-2859	252	Board Mem.	
Beaudoin	Timothy	EMT / Dr	49		845-499-9279			
Bideiwy	Naim	Probation	34	845-358-7091				
Borton	Carissa	EMT	22	845-353-0913	845-323-2575			
Borton	Steven	Driver	31	845-353-0913	845-323-2572	253	Board Mem.	
Braus	Paul	Probation	44	845-358-1131	646 492-2144			
Cange	Fritz	Driver	12	845-358-9337				
Crawford	Jarron	EMT / Dr	23	718-471-5752	718-915-7646			
Dailey	Ross	Driver	5	845-353-2953				
Dellaccio	Elizabeth	Probation	45	845-480-5069	845-826-5677			
Denehy	Deirdre	Probation	48	845-353-3050	802-282-3510			
Dupiton	Geraldine	EMT	28	845-675-7762	845-820-5453			
Finch	Kevin	Trainee EMT	47		845-825-4030			
Griffel	Jeremy	EMT / Dr	3	845-348-9358	845-558-7103	261	Lieutenant	
Guerra	Ivan	EMT / Dr	2	845-358-6038	845-304-0246	262	Lieutenant	
Hellauer	Susan	EMT / Dr	18	845-353-6155	845-216-3770	263	Board Mem.	Editor of "The Siren"
Herman	Charles	Trainee	35	845-538-6521	305-218-3680			
Johnson	Tracey	EMT / Dr	8	845-735-1801	914-772-6566	266	Vice Pres.	Scheduling / LOSAP
Johnson	David	Probation	30		845-544-4560			
Kaplan	Holly	Probation	39		732-513-4793			
Lantz	Michael	EMT / Dr	13		914-760-6157			
Marks	Brian	EMT	26		845-641-4041			
McDowell	William	Driver	9		845-721-3187	260	President	Paid Staff Sup./ Safety
Morer	Paul	EMT / Dr	1	845-675-7299	917-817-1867	270	Captain	
Neabore	Steven	EMT / Dr	15	845-358-5576				
Neabore	Scott	EMT / Dr	16	845-358-5576				
Neff	Thomas	Driver	14	845-358-6919				Uniform Committee
Phillips	Kevin	Driver	10	845-358-9156	914-882-7729	275		Rental Committee
Radziemski	Cathy	EMT	29		602-750-4327	250	Fin. Sec.	
Ranglin	Desrene	Trainee	33		845-893-2806			
Russell	Natasha	Trainee	32	845-358-1136	845-507-2929			
Russell	Veronica	Probation	36		845-512-8195			
Russell	Melissa	EMT	37	845-358-1136	845-507-2828			
Spadafora	Jamie	EMT / Dr	4		914-462-8211		Lieutenant	
Steger	Catherine	Driver	40	845-480-5962	412-596-9475			
Stewart	James	EMT / Dr	17	845-358-5860	845-721-2386			
Stoltze	Steven	EMT / Dr	7	845-358-6600	845-321-2600			
Tighe	Sheila	Probation	41	845-661-8870				
Westcott	Leah	EMT / Dr	11	845-358-2825	914-420-2781			
White	Willie	EMT / Dr	6	845-675-7050	845-596-8516	284	Training	HIPPA Officer
Yusti	Diana	Probation	43	845-353-7361	845-542-0602			

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To do an internal voicemail transfer while on the phone push [VM Transfer] Enter Box Number then hang up

Please submit any changes or updates to this list to the Secretary Box or leave a voicemail on Ext 261

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Upated by: J. Griffel



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Beaudoin	Timothy	EMT / Dr	49		845-499-9279			



CME and training opportunities in the area

Following are local training and CME opportunities. For more complete information, changes and additions, check the training board at the NCAC building frequently for postings of CMEs and required training for corps members. You can also log on to www.hvremSCO.org and click on CME for last minute changes and additions to area training. Also consult <http://www.wremSCO.org/> and www.localendar.com/public/WREMSCO/CME-CA for Westchester area CMEs, numerous Call Audits, and conference notices. Rockland EMS training site: <http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=fdeschino%40rocklandparamedics.org>

If you know of any training opportunities that are not listed here, or on the training board, please bring them to the attention of training officer Willie White. The NCAC website, www.nyackems.org, lists classes offered at our corps.

HVHC = Hudson Valley Hospital Center in Peekskill, NY (training held in the Wagner Conference or OR Dining Room B, tbd – contact Dr. Ray Iannacocone 914 737 9000 or John Filanegri 914 734 3787); **GSH** = Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY, training held in the auditorium (Ernie Stonick, 845 368 5408; estonick@tshs.org); **WMC** = Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla NY; training held in the conference room of the Maria Ferreri Children’s Hospital; contact Dr. David Stuhlmiller 914 493 8484); **WEH** = Westchester EMS HQ, 444 E Main St., Mt. Kisco NY; contact Don Cottle (914 244 0440); **WPHC** = White Plains Hospital Center, East Post Rd. & Davis Ave., White Plains, contact Dr. Erik Larsen (914 681 2575); **WCDES** = Westchester County Department of Emergency Services, 4 Dana Rd., Valhalla NY, contact Dr. Erik Larsen (914 681 2575); **DFH** = Dobbs Ferry Hospital, Ashford Ave, Dobbs Ferry NY, contact Dr. Mark Silberman (914 693 5187); **Phelps** = Phelps Memorial Hospital (701 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow NY); **PRVAC** = Pearl River VAC, 14 N. Pearl St., Pearl River; **PFD** = Piermont FD, 554 Piermont Ave, Piermont NY; **SOAC** = South Orangetown Ambulance, 70 Independence Ave., Tappan NY; **WP Faist** = W.P. Faist Volunteer Ambulance, 3 Red Schoolhouse Road, ChestnutRidge NY.

NOTE: CHECK THE TRAINING BOARD AT THE BUILDING FREQUENTLY FOR NEW TRAINING CLASSES.

JANUARY

19 Tue 7:30-10:30 pm: CME Trauma Skills, NCAC

20 Wed 7:30-10:30pm: CME Airway & Pediatric Skills, PRVAC

21 Thu 7:30-10:30pm: CME Trauma Skills, SOAC

20-21, Wed-Thu 8:00am-5:00pm: MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR BOMBING INCIDENTS, FDNY Training Center, Randall’s Island, NYC. For more information, phone: (518) 485-9453

FEBRUARY

1 Mon : 7:00-10:00 pm: CME Pharmacology, GHS

8 Mon 7:30-10:30pm: CME Chest Pain & ECG Interpretation, WMC



MARCH

1 Mon 7:00-10:00pm: CME Child Abuse & Mandated Reporting, GSH

5-6 Sat-Sun: EMS Today, Baltimore MD, www.emstoday.com

8 Mon 7:30-10:30pm: CME Head Trauma and Pelvic Trauma/Extremity Trauma, WMC

EMT ORIGINAL Program Dates: Feb 16th, 2010 - June 17th, 2010 Tues & Thurs from 7pm-10pm; Occasional Sat from 9am-5pm
EMT REFRESHER Program Dates: Feb 11th, 2010 - June 17th, 2010 Thur Feb 11th from 7pm-10pm (Registration, course introduction, policies, EMT Update & Challenge Written Exam) Sat, Feb 13th from 9am-5pm (Challenge Practical Exam) Thurs, June 17th from 7pm-10pm NYS exam
HOCH Center for Emergency Education @ Phelps Memorial Hospital, Sleepy Hollow, New York call or email Christina (914) 366-3577, cwisniewski@pmhc.us

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday **MAY 22, 2010**
Hudson Valley Regional EMS
INSIDE EMS CONFERENCE
Holiday Inn, Fishkill, NY
applications coming soon
visit www.hvremSCO.org
for conference updates

To ensure that we all have the proper training involving large scale Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI), please go to training.fema.gov/is/nims.asp and take the required on-line training. You only need to take-100a, 200 and 700 selections. Emts in the cme program can benefit for the required time. When you have completed, please print a copy of your certificates and place into my training box. If you have these classes, please disregard. Willie White Training Officer-ncac-6
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Medical Abbreviations

AAO	Awake, alert, & oriented
ACO	Alert, conscious & oriented
A+O x 3	Alert and oriented to person, place & time
AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm
ABC	Airway, breathing, and circulation
ACLS	Advanced Care Life Support
ALS	Advanced Life Support
ASA	Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin)
ABD	Abdomen - (abdominal)
AMT	Amount
Approx.	Approximately
AMS	Altered Mental Status
AMA	Against Medical Advice
AFIB	Atrial fibrillation
BP	Blood Pressure
BVM	Bag-valve mask
BS	Breath sounds
BILAT	Bilateral
BSC + =	Breath sounds clear and equal
C-Spine	Cervical spine
CA	Cancer
CVA	Stroke
CHF	Congestive heart failure
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CNS	Central Nervous System
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
C-Section	Cesarean section
CC	Chief Complaint
cc	Cubic centimeter
C/O	Complaining of
CAO x 4	Conscious, alert, and oriented x 4
DOA	Dead on arrival
DT	Delium tremens
DX	Diagnosis
DKA	Diabetic ketoacidosis
DNR	Do not resuscitate
ETOH	Ethanol (drinking alcohol)
ET	Endotracheal tube
EGTA	Esophageal gastric tube airway
EKG	Electrocardiogram
EDP	Emotionally Disturbed Person
FX	Fracture
FB	Foreign body
GSW	Gun shot wound
GYN	Gynecology
HTN	Hypertension (high blood pressure)
HX	History
HEENT	Head, eyes, ears, nose, and throat

IV	Intravenous
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
LOC	Level of consciousness
LUQ	Left upper quadrant
LLQ	Left lower quadrant
L & D	Labor and delivery
LAT	Lateral
LSC=BILAT	Lung sounds clear and equal on both sides
MAST	Military Anti-Shock Garments
MI	Myocardial infarction (heart attack)
MVA	Motor vehicle accident
MED	Medicine (medication)
NC	Nasal Cannula
NSR	Normal Sinus Rhythm
NRM	Nonrebreather Mask
NKM	No known medications
NKA	No known allergies
N/V	Nausea and vomiting
N/V/D	Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea
NKDA	No known drug allergies
N/T	Not taken
PMHX	Past medical history
PT	Patient
PE	Pulmonary edema
PVC	Premature ventricular contraction
PEARL	Pupils equal and reactive to light
PALP	Palpitation
RX	Medicine
RLQ	Right Lower Quadrant
RUQ	Right Upper Quadrant
RXN	Reaction
SOB	Shortness of breath
SX	Symptom
SZ	Seizure
T	Temperature
TIA	Transient ischemic attack (mini-stroke)
TX	Treatment
VS	Vital Signs
YO	Years old
+	Positive
-	Negative
~	Approximately
>	Greater than
<	Less than
=	Equal

Nyack YMCA extends a 'preferred' membership rate for Nyack Ambulance Corps

The YMCA in Nyack has put together a First Responder membership program for all of the members of our corps. Already, several of our members are taking advantage of these discount rates which include: No startup fee, use of all the facilities (swim, gym, basketball, classes, etc.) and a heavily discounted rate and family membership (if needed).

Remember - our membership voted on a \$40 a month stipend for a health club for any active member. It is a positive step to take care of ourselves physically and this offer from the YMCA will help. ***There is a March 1 deadline on the below rates. Act now!*** Contact Steve or Carissa Borton if you have any questions:

Family: \$80.00 joiner fee waived
Adult: \$50.00 joiner fee waived

Family Membership (includes 2 adult, children up to 21)
\$66.00 per month for family
\$756 per year for family
\$168.00 a year discount off the family membership rate

Adult Membership
\$45.00 per month for adult
\$504.00 per year
\$120.00 a year discount off the adult membership price

Stephanie Salter, Member Services Director
Rockland County YMCA
35 South Broadway
Nyack, NY 10960
(845) 358-0245 ext.304

-- Steve Borton

Do you know someone who might be eligible for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)?

HEAP is a federally funded program that supplements a household's annual energy cost. Find out if you or someone you know qualifies by calling the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance toll-free hotline at 1-800-342-3009.

ALSO, when answering a call at the home of an elderly patient, be aware of the temperature. Seniors can fall victim to hypothermia in temperatures that seem almost normal to younger people.

Recommend the HEAP program if appropriate.

Mike Baer to Attend National WMD Course

Michael Baer was recently accepted to attend a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) course at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, Alabama. The training is sponsored by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The training center is the only federally chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training center in the country. At the Chemical, Ordnance, Biological and Radiological Training Facility (COBRATF), the CDP offers the only program in the nation featuring training exercises in a true toxic environment, using live chemical agents. The advanced, hands-on training enables responders to effectively respond to real-world incidents involving chemical, biological, explosive, radiological, or other hazardous materials. Responders from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories have trained at the CDP. The scope of training includes preparedness, deterrence, and response.

Michael will be attending the aforementioned course January 31st-February 5th. He plans to bring a wealth of information back to the Corps and share that information with the members.

Willie Winfrey

It is with much sadness that I inform you of the passing of past member, Willie Winfrey.

Willie was a member for many years as a driver and my partner for several of those years. I can say without a doubt, he was a colorful character! Willie loved the old "Chinese" Westerns and I could usually find him watching one when we were on call.

Please keep Willie and his family in your thoughts.

-- Tracey Johnson

Noteworthy

Congratulations to our newly certified EMTs:

**Tim Beaudoin, Kevin Finch, Frank Koelle and
Catherine Steger.**

&

Tim, Melissa Russell & Cat Steger

who are also now cleared as a crew chief!

Job well done

Tim, Kevin, Frank, Cat and Melissa!

New Year's Cleanup? - What to do with:

-Books/CDs

Goodwill, Nanuet, NY 845 624-0187

-New/gently-used clothing/household goods:

**People-to-People, Nanuet, NY
845 623 4900**

-Worn-out bedding & towels:

**Hi Tor Animal Shelter, Pomona, NY
845 354 7900**

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