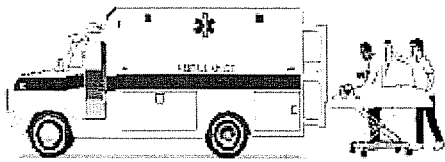
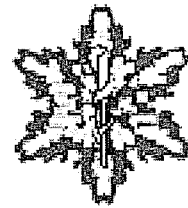


NORTH COUNTRY E M NEWSLETTER



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New Regional Medical Director

North Country EMS is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Sarah Delaney-Rowland as the new regional medical director. Dr. Delaney-Rowland has been an active member of the regional emergency medical advisory committee, director of the Jefferson Community College Paramedic Program, and works full time at Samaritan Medical Center as an Emergency Department Physician.



She is certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine and also served in the US Air Force Medical Services as a Major, being honorably discharged in 2004. She completed her education in Syracuse, New York and her Internship/Residency in Cleveland Ohio.

We look forward to working with Dr. Delaney-Rowland and feel that she will be a great asset to the EMS system in the North Country.

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North Country EMS Program Agency

Director— Ann Smith, EMT-CC, CLI

Assistant Director— Jeff Gregory, EMT-P

Secretary— Tammy Liscum

* Please remember that all levels of care must contact medical control before administering activated charcoal with the exception of paramedics. I would encourage a consult with medical control regardless of your level of care when you are presented with any type of poisoning.

* Please note that we have had many agencies lapse their certificate of need, so you will see a reminder letter coming to your agency 2 months prior to your certificate expiration. You must complete the packet of paperwork that you receive from the Bureau of EMS in Albany and send it back to Bureau of EMS Central Field Office in Syracuse. If you are an ALS agency and your certificate expires you will need to have REMAC recertify you to continue providing care. **PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR CON TO OUR OFFICE WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE NEW ONE.**

* Hospitals are requesting that you bring the medications to the hospital with the patient as it is very important for them to have the dosages of the medications as well as the frequency that the patient takes the medications. Please remember that writing all the medications down could cause an unnecessary delay on scene, so it may be easier to bring them with you to the hospital. Note: Do not write "see med list" on PCR under medications, write them on continuation if necessary.

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Program Agency Training

Canton-Potsdam Hospital and North Country EMS

Present

Respiratory Emergencies by Dr. Jason Lorenc

January 29, 2008

Please call NCEMS @ 315-379-3977 to reserve your seat

Starts at 7pm at Canton-Potsdam Hospital

Second Floor Classroom

If your department is willing to host one of the following trainings, please contact the program agency at 315-379-3977

PEPP (Pediatric care for Pre-Hospital Providers), Basic Albuterol or Epinephrine administration, 12-lead Acquisition, Aspirin Administration, or PCR Documentation

ATTENTION ALL EMS VOLUNTEERS

With the new year and tax season just around the corner please be aware of the NYS Income Tax credit for Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker Credit. The credit is claimed on Form IT-245 and the amount is \$200.00 or \$400.00 if married filing joint and both spouses qualify.

For more information ask your tax preparer or check the instructions for filing form IT-245.

Red Lights and Sirens Training Program On-Line

North Country EMS is pleased to announce an online training program which is approved by the North Country REMAC for 2 hours of BLS credit. Please go to our website at www.canton.edu/ncems and click the training link. Click on Red Lights and Sirens quiz and follow the directions for submitting the test and receiving credit.

A Message from SUNY Canton University Police

University Police Department would like to thank each member of the police, fire, emergency medical service and public health personnel for the service as our nation's first responders. Your devotion and selfless actions give us comfort in times of need. You are our protectors. Today we honor you! Thank-You!

REMSCO/REMAC 2008 Schedules

REMSCO 2008 meeting dates - January 7th, March 3rd, April 7th, June 2nd, September 15th, November 3rd, and December 1st.

REMAC 2008 meeting dates— January 16th, yearly schedule TBA at the January meeting

All meetings are held at the Public Health Facility on Meade Street in Watertown, REMSCO starts at 7 pm and REMAC starts at 6:30 pm. They can be viewed at www.canton.edu/ncems for 30 days following the meeting. Just click on the REMSCO/REMAC Link.

There are openings for St. Lawrence County seats on the REMSCO. If you are interested in being part of the council, please send a letter of interest to the North Country EMS Program Agency, at NCEMS, 34 Cornell Drive, WH 027, Canton, NY 13617

Ninth Annual Spring Fling Update

Mark your calendars early! The Ninth Annual Spring Fling will be held April 24–26, 2008. This change from the usual date of the first weekend in April is due to a scheduling conflict with Bonnie Castle. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Masarech, Rich Beebe and Deb Kufs will be joining us as speakers once again. Mark Tuttle and Charlie Brenon will present a WMD class as a pre-conference. This pre-conference will satisfy the New York State continuing medical education programs requirement for WMD.

This year the North Country Regional Emergency Medical Council Program Agency is proud to announce that Paul Maurer, MD, an Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery from the University of Rochester, will be our Key Note Speaker as well as presenting a lecture on head trauma. Once again, Bonnie Castle will be offering rooms at \$65.00 for Jacuzzi and \$50.00 for standard rooms.





Please watch our website at www.canton.edu/ncems for more details at the beginning of 2008

Cardiac Screen

Just a reminder it is very important to fill out these screens, please refer to North Country EMS policy statement number 2004-07. This information assists the region in many ways that can be beneficial to the care we are able to provide our patients

The screen should be completed by the transporting agency whenever the “Cardiac Related (Potential)” circle is filled in on the PCR.

Program Agency, Continued

-  Please feel free to provide us feedback on the new format of the newsletter. You will receive a quarterly newsletter highlighting important information for North Country Agencies. Please remember that our website is updated frequently with various training opportunities being offered in St. Lawrence, Jefferson, and Lewis County as well as other areas in the state. **Also any North Country EMS agency who would like to recognize a member, a community event you participated in, a new ambulance, or just to recognize the agency as a whole can submit an article and/or picture for the newsletter. Please send it to smitha@canton.edu and we will include it in our next edition.**
-  St. Lawrence County agencies, please remember if you request law enforcement to a scene please let the dispatcher know why so they can relay that information on to the responding officer. This will assist the officer in being better prepared for the situation.
-  All transport agencies please remember to send your PCRs to the office by the 15th of the following month. We are required to report to the state agencies that do not send them.
-  We would like to thank all the providers who have provided us with up-dated information and please remember to update our agency when you receive a new card, change your agency, address, phone, or e-mail. We ask that you send copies of EMT cards or picture ID via snail mail instead of faxing them, as they are frequently illegible when received by fax.

Spring EMT Courses

Register Now! Deadlines are Fast Approaching!

<u>St. Lawrence County</u>	<u>Lewis County</u>	<u>Jefferson County</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">SUNY Canton</p> <p>Basic Original—Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30-9:30 starting 1/16/07 Instructor: Don Thompson</p> <p>Basic Refresher -Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-9:30 starting 1/22/07 Instructors Storm Cilley/Bob Bromley</p> <p>Critical Care Original Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 2/5/07 Instructor: June Wood</p> <p>Critical Care Refresher Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 1/15/07 Instructor: June Wood</p> <p>Deadline for Registration is January 10, 2008 for above classes Call Rebecca Blackmon at (315) 386-7102 or email at blackmonr@canton.edu</p> <p>Norfolk CFR—Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 1/8/08 Instructor- Steve Badlam</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Graves Training Center at Lewis County Search and Rescue</p> <p>Basic EMT Original/Refresher Monday and Thursday 6:45–10 pm starting 1/10/08 Challenge Written for refreshers 1/3/08 Challenge Practical for refreshers 1/8/08 Instructor: Mark Tuttle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please Register through SUNY Canton, Deadline January 10, 2008</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>JCC</u> REGISTER NOW FOR FALL! <u>EMT Intermediate, Critical Care, and Paramedic</u> will be offered starting in the fall. For More information call Jeannine Gomiela at 315-786-2244</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jefferson County Fire/EMS Training Center</p> <p>Basic EMT Course Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-10 pm starting 1/15/07</p> <p>Basic Refresher Course Monday 7-10 pm starting 1/21/07</p> <p>AEMT-CC Refresher Wednesday 6-10 pm starting 1/23/07</p> <p>Certified First Responder @ South Jefferson Rescue Monday and Thursday 7-10 pm starting 1/14/07</p> <p>Call Jefferson County EMS office to register at 315-786-3760</p>
<p><i>North Country EMS wishes everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!</i></p>		

Star Lake
Basic Original and Refresher
Friday evening/Saturday and Sunday starting 1/11/08
Instructor Mark Tuttle
Challenge 1/3/08 and 1/8/08
Call Rebecca Blackmon at (315) 386-7102 for extension classes above

