

Maine EMS Education Committee Minutes  
 October 14, 2009

**Present:** Dan Batsie – Chair, Brian Chamberlin, John Brady, Jeff Regis, Eric Wellman, Kevin Gurney, Butch Russell, Brian Langermann  
**Guests:** Jonnathan Busko  
**Staff:** Drexell White

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION/ACTIONS TAKEN</b>	<b>FUTURE ACTION</b>
I. Call To Order	Meeting Called to Order at 9:45 a.m.	None
II. Introductions/Public Comment	Introductions not required. No public comment received	None
III. Additions to Agenda	N/A	None
IV. Acceptance of Minutes	Not done. Will need to accept August minutes at November 2009 meeting (September meeting – no quorum)	Accept August and October minutes at December 2009 meeting.
V. Staff Report	Drexell reported that: -the Department of Public Safety had received notification that it needed to find approximately 1.2 million dollars in cuts in each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011. -No word on the request for exception to the hiring freeze for the Education and Training Coordinator position at Maine EMS.	None
VI. Unfinished Business:  a. I/C curriculum review	Discussion on the addition of Assistant Instructors as a license level in the Maine EMS education delivery system:  - Assistant Instructor class would be approximately fifteen hours in length. - Adding Assistant Instructor as a license level would require Maine EMS Rules change. - Instructor Coordinator evaluation of Assitant Instructor may be through a continuing education hour	Develop Pilot Class Revisit at December meeting

<p>b. Education Standards Gap Analysis</p> <p>c. CEH Requirements</p>	<p>(CEH) program, stand-alone class or course-leading-to-licensure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Objectives evaluation requirements – Assistant Instructor candidate would need to complete all objectives and complete twelve hours in objective completion.</li> <li>- Clinical experiences for Assistant Instructor programs to be conducted in the same manner as clinical training for provider courses.</li> <li>- Instructor trainers:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preferred Masters Degree with minimum of Bachelors Degree;</li> <li>- Demonstrated EMS teaching experience;</li> <li>- Licensed Maine EMS Instructor Coordinator</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Results of Maine EMS gap analysis indicate no significant addition at each level of Maine EMS provider education. Most significant deletion would be endotracheal intubation at the EMT-Intermediate level</p> <p>Discussion about revision to Maine EMS Continuing Education Hour (CEH) requirements. Issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Current (Maine EMS)system does not align with nationally recognized continuing education categories;</li> <li>- Maine EMS on three year license cycle vs. two year National Registry certification cycle;</li> <li>-Rapid growth of non-Maine EMS continuing education programs (e.g., Internet, professional conferences, specialty programs) and requests from licensees to use other education such as college</li> </ul>	<p>Dan Batsie will prepare a summary of the gap analysis for the Maine EMS Board</p> <p>Continue discussion at December 2009 meeting</p>
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<p>d. Refresher Courses – competency vs. Attendance based</p> <p>e. Annual Project/Goals</p>	<p>courses, have made CEH review resource intensive.</p> <p>Suggestions regarding CEH requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Align Maine EMS requirements with NREMT standards.</li> </ul> <p>Extensive discussion about aligning Maine EMS licensing with NREMT (i.e, changing to a two year licensing cycle). Upside would be to have Maine EMS licensing coincide with NREMT certification; downside is financial and time impact on providers and EMS services.</p>	<p>Dan Batsie will work on annual report to Board to include projects and goals for ensuing year.</p>
<p>VII. New Business</p> <p>a. MDPB Airway Update</p>	<p>Dr. Busko presented airway management information and airway-decision model on which he and a subgroup of the MDPB had been working. He discussed issues surrounding endotracheal intubation by Maine’s EMS providers and described the airway-decision model that better encompasses</p>	<p>Discuss Airway Management Education at december 2009 meeting</p>

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	the wide range of airway management challenges of pre-hospital EMS	
VIII. Next meeting:	<b>No meeting in November 2009.</b> Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 0930 hours.	Adjourned at 12:08 p.m.