In Case You Missed It!
Registration is now open for the upcoming
Emergency Medical Services for Children Conference.
Friday, May 21 1:00pm - Saturday, May 22 3:30pm
Pre-Conference Session, Friday, May 21 8:00am - 12:00pm

Register HERE:
Additional conference information available here
www.oregonemscconference.org/

Ambulance service licensing
The ambulance service agency renewal process is in full swing. To date the department has issued 38 agency renewals out of 135. Please be sure to get your ambulance license renewal applications in before May 31, 2010.
First Responders’ certificate renewal deadline is May 31

Recertification instructions

Instructions for the online process were mailed to each certificate holder in April with his or her personal identification number (PIN). Additionally, step-by-step instructions will be posted on our website along with a Frequently Asked Questions page; go to www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ems/first_responder/index.shtml. The recertification fee is $15. Payment will be accepted online via Visa or MasterCard.

Fingerprints/background checks

EMS and Trauma Systems staff will conduct a Law Enforcement Data Systems (LEDS)-based, criminal history check on all recertifying applicants. Any arrests and/or convictions not previously reported to DHS–EMS must be disclosed on your application. If necessary, a prehospital standards representative will contact you for more information.

For those who currently reside outside Oregon, or have done so for 60 or more consecutive days since you were last certified, a national check is required. A fingerprint card and an additional $47.25 fingerprint processing fee are required for these applications. All applications must be submitted by the May 31, 2010 deadline to avoid the late fee. Instructions for fingerprinting will be provided when you apply online or you may contact our office for more information.

Group payment rosters

Thank you to those agencies that submitted their group payment rosters by the March 1 deadline! Those agencies have been mailed an invoice to prepay their first recertification fees and assist with the online application process of their personnel. If you submitted a group payment roster by March 1 and did not receive your invoice, please contact Nancy Gillen at 971-673-0526 or nancy.j.gillen@state.or.us. If you missed the March 1 deadline, you will not be eligible to pay for your personnel as a group.

Certification status/verification

If you did not apply to become an Oregon First Responder after the 2008 changes in Oregon Administrative Rule, you may not be certified through the state. To verify your certificate status, or the status of your personnel, you may visit our Electronic Certificate Verification Page on our website: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ems/profeson/verification.shtml.
If you are not currently certified as an Oregon First Responder, you will need to successfully complete a state-approved, U.S. Department of Transportation First Responder course. Our website shows a contact list for several of the approved Oregon First Responder training agencies.

For any additional questions regarding your current First Responder certificate status or recertification, you may contact Joanna Faunce at 971-673-0532 or joanna.k.faunce@state.or.us.

**Program activity update**

During the first four months of 2010, 96 reports and complaints were reviewed. Thirty investigation cases were opened, while work on 14 investigative cases was completed. Two certificate holders surrendered in lieu of revocation, five were placed on probation, and one certification was revoked. Also three applicants were denied and one applicant withdrew. There are currently 14 certificate holders are completing DUII diversion. A total of 929 LEDS (Law Enforcement Data System) checks and 154 fingerprint-based background checks were completed. Twenty-two continuing education audits were conducted and 19 were approved; three were returned to the certificate holder/applicant as incomplete.

Six ambulance inspections have been conducted this year and 19 ambulances were licensed.

**New chairperson elected to State Trauma Advisory Board**

Nicole VanDerHeyden, MD, PhD, was elected chairperson of the State Trauma Advisory Board during the January 2010 meeting. The Oregon Health Authority appointed several new members to the State Trauma Advisory Board in January 2010. These members include: Jana Perry-Ellis, RN, representing bordering state trauma programs; Lori Morgan, MD, MBA, FACS, representing hospital administrators; Joe Raade, EMT-P, representing paramedic/fire services; and Wendy Wittenburg, RN, representing emergency department nurses. Susan Benedict, RN, was reappointed and represents emergency department nurses.

Open board positions include a neurosurgeon, a paramedic from a private ambulance company, a surgeon from a level III trauma hospital and a trauma coordinator. For additional information contact Susan Werner, Trauma and Tertiary Care Program manager, at 971-673-0534 or e-mail at Susan.m.werner@state.or.us.
STAB requests ACS trauma system consultation

During the April State Trauma Advisory Board Meeting, members of the board requested that the Oregon Trauma Program undergo a statewide trauma system consultation visit by the American College of Surgeons. Team members for this consultation process include trauma surgeons, emergency medicine physicians, trauma coordinators and EMS directors.

The purpose of this consultation is to assess and evaluate the Oregon trauma system and to provide consultative guidance for future trauma system development. The focus of the evaluation includes:

1) Reduction of injury incidence and severity;
2) Rigorous system performance improvement standards;
3) Assurance of appropriate resources for designated injury care facilities;
4) Cost containment and enhanced efficiency of the system.

During the past several years, the EMS and Trauma Systems Section has leveraged national consultation processes to improve the EMS system. This evaluation will provide an independent assessment of the trauma system, including its integration with the EMS system, and will formulate recommendations for logical next steps in system development.

Oregon EMS/Trauma Webinar Learning Series

The Oregon Office of Rural Health and the State EMS and Trauma Systems Office have partnered to bring web-based education to EMTs and emergency providers throughout Oregon. To access this free distance education opportunity, you must register for each presentation separately by e-mailing Kassie Clarke at clarkek@ohsu.edu. Presentation announcements will be sent to everyone who has previously registered for a webinar a week in advance of the presentation.

Webinars will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at noon Pacific Time. Presentations will last approximately one hour and will be recorded for those who cannot attend the live presentation. Continuing education (CE) credits will be available for those who are able to attend the live presentation. You must respond to an online survey after the presentation in order to receive a CE certificate.

www.ohsu.edu/ohsuedu/outreach/oregonruralhealth/events/ems-trauma-web-learning-series.cfm.
EMS Program activity

FEBRUARY 2010 EMT STATISTICS

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Hospital capacity web-based system

Oregon's hospital capacity (HOSCAP) web-based system is used in hospital emergency departments and participating EMS agencies. HOSCAP tracks hospital trauma status, offers on-demand sentinel disease surveillance and facility capacity in real time. This system is used in managing mass casualty incidents (MCI). On June 2, 2010 at 10 a.m. PDT, HOSCAP will be upgraded to a new version to offer better tools and access to Oregon hospitals, PSAPs/911 centers, and other strategic partners. The new version will function similarly to the current system, but enhancements are included. Training, resources and live support are available to assist users in this upgrade. See the Oregon HAN and HOSCAP public home page, www.han.oregon.gov, for more information.
EMS awards

We know that there are many individuals and units in Oregon worthy of recognition. Please take a few minutes and e-mail nominations to EMS.trauma@state.or.us.

Upcoming events

EMS Week: May 17-21 is EMS Week this year!

MAY 19, 2010 The EMS and Trauma Systems Program and ODOT plan to showcase Oregon’s EMS providers and agencies at the State Capital Mall Park Grounds on the Capital Mall. Join us for equipment and vehicle displays, EMS demonstrations and the opportunity to meet and greet staff from ODOT and the EMS Office. Our goal is to raise awareness about the importance of well-trained and properly equipped emergency medical service providers.
Some of our key messages include:

- Oregon’s EMS and Trauma Program works with agencies and providers statewide to ensure that all Oregonians receive the best care possible in emergency situations.
- Properly trained and equipped emergency services providers save lives.
- Pediatric emergency patients have unique needs.
- A quality EMS system can respond efficiently to traffic crashes and reduce fatalities and catastrophic injuries; Oregonians can prevent crashes by driving safely and cautiously.

If you would like to participate or have a suggestion for activities or displays, please e-mail Liz Morgan at elizabeth.e.morgan@state.or.us.

The Oregon EMS Conference 2010

October 7-9 at the Salem Conference Center
More information will be available in a few weeks.
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