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Mission Statement

The mission of the Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council- Public Information Committee is to effectively provide accurate information to the stakeholders, elected officials and the general public relative to the contributions of the Milwaukee County EMS System. The committee will accomplish this through education, community outreach and media relations.



The villages of Greendale and Hales Corners have both taken on initiatives to enhance the level of services provided to residents of the communities as well as those who work and visit their villages.

Over the past couple of years the Greendale and Hales Corners Fire Departments have been working with the community leaders, stakeholders, State of Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services office, and the Milwaukee County EMS system, to develop plans to change the level of services provided by the fire departments from EMT basic, to EMT paramedic and EMT intermediate technician respectively.

The Village of Greendale which primarily receives paramedic services from neighboring communities of

Greenfield and Franklin, enrolled two students into the paramedic class which graduated April 13, 2011. These two new graduate paramedics will join a number of paramedics already employed by the Village of Greendale Fire Department, to provide paramedic services to the village. July 1, 2011 is the roll-out date for the Village of Greendale Fire Dept. paramedic program. During the roll-out phase Greendale will continue to be supported by paramedic units from neighboring communities as they do today until Greendale is fully operational at the paramedic level. The Milwaukee County EMS system looks forward to welcoming Greendale med unit 44 to the Milwaukee County EMS system.

The village of Hales Corners, which currently receives advanced life support services primarily from the city of Franklin Fire Department, recently graduated 18 EMT –

intermediate technician (EMT –IV tech). These 18 EMT IV Techs will join a host of previously licensed EMT-IV Techs in providing services to the Village of Hales Corners. The Village of Hales Corners will continue to receive paramedic services: neighboring communities. The EMT IV Techs will collaborate with the paramedics from neighboring communities to continue to provide a high level prehospital care to those in their communities.

Milwaukee County EMS system wishes to thank the members of their administration and their civic leaders in enhancing the regional EMS system in Milwaukee County.



Calendar

EMS Council Meeting

Tuesday, 20, 2011

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place:

FMLH Conference Ctr.
8700 Watertown Plank Rd.

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Education Center

***53rd Paramedic Class**

September 26, 2011

First Day Classes

*** Paramedic Fall Refresher**

September 1 thru

November 29, 2011

*** Continuing Education Conf.**

October 12 & 13, 2011

Stars of Life Recognition Program

September 21, 2011

Tundra Lodge – Green Bay WI

Education Opportunities Froedtert Hospital

** Save the Date **

Spinal Cord/Stroke Preceptor

Class – December 9, 2011

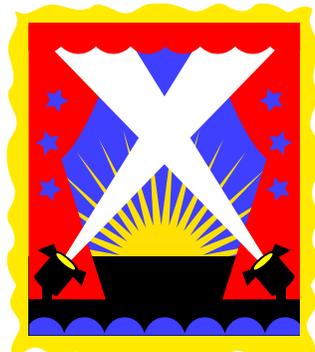
Cardiac Preceptor Class

January 9, 2012

See additional education opportunities on flyers attached.

Spotlighted in next RESPONDER

Oak Creek Fire Dept.
Paratech Ambulance



EMS Providers in the Spotlight

North Shore Fire Department

Submitted by Chief Robert Whitaker



On January 1, 1995 six villages and one city saw the culmination of many hours of planning come to fruition with the forming of a consolidated fire department. Providing service to the Villages of Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, River Hills, Shorewood and Whitefish Bay and the City of Glendale, the North Shore Fire Department (NSFD) covers nearly twenty-five square miles with its five firehouses.

The seven communities protected by the North Shore Fire Department have seen drastic service improvements from what they had become accustomed to prior to consolidation. Many of the seven communities had relied on mutual aid agreements for nearly every call, which meant bringing in responders from neighboring communities who may not use the same equipment or have trained exactly the same in some skills. Consolidation has allowed all seven communities to expect the same great consistent and reliable service no matter which of the seven communities requests it.

In a recent study by the Local Government Institute, the NSFD has been touted as a "model for successful delivery of regional service in Wisconsin." The same study found that cost increases have been reduced by nearly fifty percent since the consolidation compared to what they would have been had the seven communities continued providing service through their individual fire departments. In other articles as recent as March 12, 2011, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel notes the increased efficiencies and cost savings in operating a consolidated department.

"While the seven separate fire departments all worked well together and cooperated prior to the consolidation, there was a need for a more coordinated effort for not only emergency response but non-emergency administrative functions that have allowed the member communities to control their costs for the provision of fire and emergency services," Fire Chief Robert Whitaker said.

The North Shore Fire Department is served by a total of 102 line personnel, with a support staff of six chief officers, a fire prevention bureau that coordinates fire code enforcement and public education activities, a full-time fire/emergency apparatus mechanic and a business office staff. In addition to its five engines, two truck companies and two full time basic life support ambulances, NSFD currently operates two-fully staffed paramedic units, with an additional unit operating when paramedic staffing allows. Paramedic services are delivered in a cooperative effort with Milwaukee County and other partner communities in the Milwaukee County EMS System.

In 2010, NSFD responded to 6,170 calls for service with more than 70% of those calls being medical in nature. In addition to the calls for emergency service, the NSFD provides education and fire prevention resources to more than 28,000 people each year.

The seven North Shore communities have a rich history of sharing services as a means to control the costs of vital services to the communities served while sustaining service levels. Joint services include shared health department services in addition to water filtration and library services. All seven communities are currently evaluating the possibility of consolidating three separate 911 public safety answering points within the next year.

For more information please visit the North Shore Fire Department website at www.nsfire.org.

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MC EMS Education Center Graduates 52nd Paramedic Class

April 13, 2011 marked the completion of another year of instructing firefighters in becoming Paramedics for the Milwaukee County System by the MC EMS Education Center. The Education Center has worked diligently to educate Paramedic students since the program's conception in 1973.

We are proud to introduce the newest 52nd Class of Paramedic Graduates to the Milwaukee County EMS System.

Milwaukee Fire Department: Kendrick Ashley, Gregory Barachy, John Fisher, Adam Freund, Brian Gardner, Christos Gerasopoulos and Karl Kraai.

Greenfield Fire Department: John Cram, Zach Zimmer,

West Allis Fire Department: Joseph Gapinski, Luke Kowalewski, Jesse Schwark,

Greendale Fire Department: Kurt Risburg, Kyle Kierzak

Franklin Fire Department: Paul Rynders

North Shore Fire Department: Eric Riechert

Training for a Paramedic encompasses 8 months of education, initially including classroom and skills labs. When competencies are established in specific criteria, the student then begins incorporating clinical experiences into their training. There are 6 hospitals in Milwaukee County offering experiences with 9 types of clinical rotations. After completion of the classroom and clinical experiences, the Paramedic student now continues training at their "home" fire department for 10 weeks with MC EMS faculty or fire department preceptors continuing to instruct and mentor the student. The goal of all training is to ensure Paramedics provide excellent patient care to the citizens of Milwaukee County.

At the end of their schooling, the students must pass rigorous tests required by the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT). There are two components to this testing, hands-on (psychomotor) testing and an on-line test which challenges the student to validate their knowledge-base, critical thinking abilities and skill proficiency. The State of Wisconsin requires NREMT certification for eligibility for licensure in the state.

All the 2011 graduates have completed and passed their testing. Our students have a pass rate for the National Registry of EMT that was 89% for "first attempt pass" in 2010. The national average pass rate was 67% for "first attempt pass" in 2010. Milwaukee County can be proud of these new Paramedics and all other EMS providers within the Milwaukee County EMS system.

Look for us on the Web:
www.Milwaukee.gov/ems





Kudos

Rock N Sole Marathon July 10, 2011

e-mail received by Dr. Pirrallo
(EMS Medical Director) from
Columbia St. Mary's Hospital

Ron,

On behalf of Columbia-
St.Mary's, I would like
recognize the
outstanding care and
professionalism of
Milwaukee County EMS.
Lost in the media were
the heroic efforts of
emergency services.

As a participant in the
run, I witnessed first-
hand the level of care
being provided on the
scene which was truly
impressive. In the ED,
transition of care was
excellent and I am
confident all patients
will recover thanks to
the hard work of your
team.

Please share our
gratitude with the
professionals of
Milwaukee County
Emergency Medical
Services.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Shimp, MD
Medical Director,
Emergency Medicine
Columbia-St. Mary's,
Milwaukee Campus



Paramedic James Gefke (WFD)
Runs Boston Marathon in Turnout
Gear to Benefit the Wisconsin Burn
Survivors Network

And inspired by his mentor, John
Harrington, fellow North Shore
Firefighter who died nearly 7 years
ago.

Completed his run in 4:18:29.
Way to Go Jim!



Gov. Walker Appoints
OCFD Chief Brian Satula Emergency
Management Administrator

Former Oak Creek Fire Chief Brian
Satula was named Wisconsin
Emergency Management
Administrator by Gov. Scott Walker.
Satula has more than 33 years of
experience in fire services, including
five years as chief in Oak Creek. He
retired from that post in April.

"Brian Satula has had a distinguished
career in fire services and emergency
management," Gov. Walker said in a
news release. "I know Brian's top
priority is protecting our citizens and
communities. His extensive
experience as a natural disasters and
hazardous material spills, and his vast
knowledge of emergency
management will serve him well in this
position".

Chief Satula assumed his new duties
on May 22, 2011.

WAFD Paramedics Kurt Zellman & Brandon Foley Recognized as amazing!

Asst. Chief Bane received the
following e-mail from the Manager
of Library Square in West Allis.

"I wanted to just commend you on
two of your team that were just
outstanding in helping one of my
families today. I have an elderly
couple who had two separate 911
calls today. First call was for the
husband, who was weak and
couldn't get out of bed. He was
sent to St. Luke's where he was
eventually admitted. The second
call was for the wife, who had a fall
from her scooter and couldn't up.
The same 2 paramedics responded
and realized it was their second call
today to the same home. These
two guys were so kind, and so
compassionate and so patient with
my residents that I was in awe. The
wife was so distraught over not
knowing how her husband was that
she just kept crying and they could
tell that was the biggest concern for
her, not so much the result from her
fall. Instead of simply picking her
up and making sure she was ok,
they did what they knew would
really help her to be ok... they
offered to call St. Luke's to get an
update on her husband, and this
being St. Luke's, was no small
task! Patiently being bounced from
one nurse to another to another
department, but they were patient
and diligent and were able to have
the wife talk with the nurse and
gave her the phone number and
room number for further updates
tonight. They were truly the kindest,
most wonderful guys I've had the
privilege of working with and I just
wanted someone to know that they
were amazing. I'd like to thank
them for taking care of my residents
in this way! "



The next issue of the REPORTER will be distributed in November, 2011.
Anyone having content for this issue is encouraged to submit the same to Janis Spitzer @
janis.spitzer@milwcnty.com no later than October 10, 2011.

Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin present

Spinal Cord Injury Preceptorship

A program for nurses, therapists,
emergency medical technicians
and paramedics



2011 Program Dates: Feb. 16, Mar. 16, May 18, Jun. 15, Jul. 20, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16.

Program dates may be subject to cancellation due to a change in surgery schedules. Every effort will be made to provide this information prior to the class date.

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

There is **no cost** to attend this program. Continental breakfast, refreshments and lunch provided.

Spinal Cord Injury Preceptorship

Discussion Topics

- Care of SCI patients from injury through rehabilitation
- Principles of SCI management, Stabilization and research
- Review of anatomy and physiology associated with SCI
- Operating room observation
- Overview of physical and occupational therapies relating to SCI
- Facility tour

Presenting Faculty



Shekar Kurpad, MD, PhD
Medical College of Wisconsin
Associate Professor, Neurosurgery
Director, Froedtert & The Medical College
of Wisconsin Spinal Cord Injury Center

**Classes are limited to 6 participants per session.
Register by calling the Froedtert & The Medical
College of Wisconsin Access Center
414-805-3666 or 800-272-3666**



Driving Directions:

From Wisconsin Avenue:

Turn north on 92nd Street and then east (right) at the second right – a circular drive. Follow signs directing you to the West Clinics parking structure.

From Watertown Plank Road:

Turn south on 92nd Street and then east (left) at fourth left – a circular drive. Follow signs directing you to the West Clinics parking structure.

Once parked:

Take the elevator to the 2nd floor lobby of the West Clinics building and meet at the information desk.

The Wisconsin Technical College System has approved 4.0 hours of continuing education upon successful completion of the program.

Save the Date



3rd Annual Cutting Edge in Trauma Conference

September 15, 2011 from 1pm-5pm Pre-Conference
September 16, 2011 from 8am-4:30pm Conference

Country Springs Hotel
2810 Golf Road
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Conference Cost:

Conference Only: \$60.00 per attendee OR

Conference and Pre-Conference: \$70.00 per attendee

Cost includes conference registration, continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack and certificate. Watch for more exciting information to be announced!!

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CRITICAL CARE
CONFERENCE

Save the Date

2011 Critical Care Conference

**Focusing on Pediatric Emergent
and Critical Issues**

Thursday, Sept. 15 and Friday, Sept. 16

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Milwaukee, Wis.

To reserve your space please:

E-mail: CriticalCareConf@chw.org

or

Call: (414) 266-2725

For updates and more information visit chw.org/criticalcare

