

IMS UPDATE FOR DISPATCHERS WORKSHOP

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- 5109.17 Changes
 - The position descriptions have been updated to include the pre-requisite training
 - All positions, Technician, Assistant, and Manager are now required to attend the annual training
- 2013 Class
 - 19 New students
 - 3 New Paramedics (1 return from the past)
 - 1 New Nurse/EMT
 - 4 Out of Region attendees
- Paramedics
 - 7 Qualified at all levels of IMS
 - 3 New to the program
- Idaho EMS
 - Working with the Idaho EMS commission to “make better” the system that is in place. Last fire season brought to attention the need to have procedures in place before the crisis.
 - EMT’s – Have to have an agency affiliation and medical director to be licensed. To respond to wildland fires, must have letters of approval from both.
 - Any out of state EMS resources need reciprocity, same as in the past.
 - Working on state compacts through NASEMSO to hopefully resolve some of the crossing over state line issues.
 - It is my hope that any of the ID EMT’s who are red-carded will be able to continue to have it as a qualification on their card.
 - Still working on possibly creating a non-transporting affiliation for the IMS program and the N. Id. agency EMT’s so they can be licensed and have medical direction.
- 2012 Fire Season
 - Had IMS resources on 23 plus incidents with an average of 4 per incident
 - No critical injuries
 - Dispatch process worked well and incidents were covered adequately

- Supply orders
 - Had some problems with getting supplies in a timely manner, especially on the Id. fires. Will be working more with the buying teams to help eliminate some of the issues.
 - Cache was satisfied with the return of medical equipment, some had to be tracked. In other regions it was a different story. Numerous trauma bags were not returned from them.
 - Expectations for incidents
 - More teams are wanting higher level of EMS on their incidents. Trying to accommodate, however still barriers with ALS to some degree have. The paramedics are carrying some advanced medications, but cannot feasibly carry everything that they could. The majority of IMS EMT's have the ALS endorsements for Airway (King) and Medications (Epi, Nitro, Abuterol, Aspirin) and can administer in Montana.
 - Need the support of these resources from sponsoring to dispatching.
- ❖ Sorry for not being able to be at the workshop but please do not hesitate to call or email me with any issues, past or present.

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