



# Tales of the East

## Spring 2008

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## New Instructors

Tony Salce, Faxton-St. Luke's EMS Education Coordinator, announced the addition of three new certified instructors to our EMS Training Program. Leslie Myers, AEMT-P, CIC, a member of Smithfield Eaton and Central Oneida County Ambulances, is currently instructing 'core' classes and has plans to start a First Responder and EMT class in the near future.

Chad Smith, AEMT-P, CIC a member of Kunkel Ambulance has successfully completed the New York State Department of Health Instructor Certification process. Chad plans on instructing a Basic class in the fall.

Don Kane AEMT-P, CLI, a member of Schuyler Fire Department, Kunkel Ambulance and Mercy Flight, has been certified as a Lab Instructor. Don plans on continuing to complete the Instructor Coordinator certification soon.

With the addition of these new instructors we will be able to continue to add new classes and locations to the current schedule.

## LAST CALL FOR LOCAL TEAMS International EMS Competition

The International EMS Competition event will combine emergency scenarios with rescue teams, these teams compete using a point system that awards or subtracts points based on strict objective criteria. In addition to the EMS competition is a road rally component.

Teams will begin with a "kick off" ceremony and buffet dinner followed by the first scenario an evening situation. The next morning packets, with directions, will be handed out and teams will proceed with the road rally and 4 additional scenarios. The scenarios will include cardiac, trauma, pediatric and mass casualty problems. A combination of molauged patients and manikins will be used at each scenario.

The event will end by the late afternoon of the second day; judges will tally scores and awards will be distributed. The winning team will receive an all expense paid trip to Poland to compete in the September 2008 International Ambulance Competition. For more information or to sign up contact

## **REGIONAL MEETINGS ON THE WEB**

All Midstate REMSCO and REMAC meetings are available on the web. Meetings are recorded and available on the [midstateems.org](http://midstateems.org) website.

## MIDSTATE RECOGNIZES EMS PROVIDERS

Over 250 Emergency Medical Providers, EMS Agencies and Guests joined together on Friday evening May 16 at the Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club to recognize excellence in EMS.

New York State Emergency Medical Services Assistant Director Marjorie Geiger presented awards to the following: *EMS Agency of the year Oriskany Falls Ambulance, Midstate EMS Communicator of the year David Carpenter, Midstate Advance Life Support Provider of the Year, Randy Sutherland, Midstate Basic Life Support Provider of the Year, Dave Snyder, Midstate Educator of Excellence, Jack T. Kunkel, Midstate Nurse of Excellence, Chris Grabski, Midstate Physician of Excellence, Cliff Soult, Midstate EMS Leadership, Bob Sturdevant, Excellence in EMS Activities, Margaret Miller.* In addition the Midstate REMSCO selected Paul Taylor to receive the Willis DeKing award. Kuyahora Ambulance member Marianne Victor received the Deb Hart award based on Marianne's long time dedication to EMS. The St. Elizabeth Trauma Center recognized the team work of Holland Patent Fire Dept. Prospect and Kunkel Ambulances for the care provided to victims of a train vs. car motor vehicle crash. Vinny Faraone and Sue Cooper provided background on each award and extended appreciation on behalf of the REMSCO to all Midstate Providers.

### Save the Date!

- \* June 24, 7PM REMAC Meeting Training Center
- \* July 22, 7PM REMSCO Meeting Training Center
- \* August 1-2 International EMS Competition
- \* August 26, 7PM REMAC Meeting Training Center
- \* Sept 16, 7 PM Oneida Co. CQI Meeting
- \* Sept 17, 6:30 Madison Co. CQI Meeting
- \* Sept 18, 7 PM Herkimer Co. CQI Meeting

# REMAC NEWS

*The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Council (REMAC) is responsible for the pre-hospital medical care provided in the Midstate Region.*

The Midstate REMAC is in the process of reviewing the Region's Advanced Life Support Protocols. Regional Medical Director Dr. DeTraglia has convened the committee and asks that suggestions for new or revision of existing protocols be forwarded to the EMS Program Agency for consideration by the Committee. The process of adding or changing Pre-Hospital Protocols requires approval at both the regional and state level prior to implementation.

## FUNCMES.org

Additional continuing education programs are now available on the FUNCMES.org web site. The site is the collaborative effort of Midstate, Finger Lakes, North Country, Central and Susquehanna Program Agencies. In the Midstate Region CME credits are awarded by reviewing the material and downloading the test, fax the test to the Program Agency and the appropriate hours will be given.

### Current Programs:

QA/QI Lecture 2 ALS CME hrs  
 Red Lights & Siren 2 BLS CME hrs  
 Blood Glucometry 2 ALS CME hrs  
 Watch the site for additional educational opportunities.

## Controlled Substances

On June 3 The Faxton - St. Luke's Healthcare Pharmacy along with the EMS Program Agency completed the exchange of controlled substances with EMS Agencies. The new system will allow for quicker replacement of medications and will improve the accountability of pre-hospital controlled substances. Thanks to all for completing this process. The use of Fentanyl, in the Midstate Region, is currently under review by the Bureau of EMS and the Bureau of Controlled Substances and approval and is expected soon.

## EMS Up Coming Classes

First Responder	Central Oneida Co. Ambulance	Oct 1 Dec 18 1800-2130	Mon / Wed occasional Sat
EMT Original and Refresher	Clayville Fire Dept	Sept 4 - Dec 18 1800-2200	Tues / Thurs.
EMT Original and Refresher	HCCC	Sept 4 - Dec 18 8:30am-12:30	Tues / Thurs.
EMT Original and Refresher	Dolgeville Central School	Sept. 4 - Dec 18 1800-2200	Tues / Thurs.
EMT Original and Refresher	Ilion Medial Office	Aug 4 - Dec 18 1800-2200	Mon / Wed Occasional Sat
Critical Care Original and Refresher	Training Center	Sept 15 - May 21, 2009 1830-2200	Mon and Wed
Paramedic Original	HCCC	Aug 18 - June 18 2009 1300-1630	Mon. Wed Thurs. occasional Sat
Paramedic Original Refresher	Training Center	Aug 18- June 18, 2009 1800-2230	Mon Thurs occasional Sat
CME Basic	Central Oneida Co Ambulance	July 17 - Dec 18 1730-2130	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month
CME Basic	Bridgewater Fire	July 20 - Sept 14 800am-1630	Sundays
CME Basic	Sylvan Beach Fire	Sept 2 - Sept 18 1800-2215	Tues / Thurs

Register online @ [midstateems.org](http://midstateems.org) or call Linda 624-4539

## Spinal Injury Protocol

The New York State Department of Health, Bureau of EMS has published the updated *Suspected Spinal Injury Protocol*. EMS Agencies received the update and are responsible for implementation of the protocol. All EMS classes, after July 1<sup>st</sup> will include this updated material; training material is available on the NYS BEMS website. **All training must be completed by December 31, 2008.**

## AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Pediatric Advanced Life Support July 9, 10 Original  
 Sept 15, 16 Original  
 Advanced Cardiac Life Support July 8, Recert  
 Aug 5, 6 Original  
 Healthcare Provider 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month  
 To sign up or for more information contact Dave Ronan @ 624-4508 or [dave@midstateems.org](mailto:dave@midstateems.org)