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PreHospital Trauma Life Support Class is a success!

The Lake Superior RTAC sponsored the first of two PHTLS classes on February 5 and 6. The class was held in Washburn and well attended by 21 providers from throughout the region. Student evaluations ranked the class very high with just the right amount of time dedicated to classroom and hands on training.

The next class is scheduled for April 30 and May 1st in Hayward. For more information on that class please contact Dan Diamon at ddiamon@centurytel.net. The flyer will be released this week.



Trauma Registrar Training Date

The State is working with Digital Innovations to hold a training session for registrars. The training will include some review of current data entry issues as well as use of the new reporting features.

The training will be June 7, 2011 and will be at the Sheraton in Madison in conjunction with the other trauma meetings. The time is tentatively set for 0900-1500. Registration information is not available yet but mark your calendars now

Hospital Site Visits to Resume

Work continues to restart the hospital verification site visits. Marianne is working with the Designation Review Committee to set visit dates. Hospitals will have a 6 month notice for visits so it is likely that none will occur before August 2011.

Trauma Basics v.2

The Lake Superior RTAC will offer the Trauma Basics class 2.0 beginning in July. Version 2 will highlight new information from what we covered in the first class. Again, the training is free to the service. We can still offer version 1 of the class as well.

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Pediatric Kit Funding Still Available...for a short time

TIME SENSITIVE: A coalition of the [General Federation of Women's Clubs - WI](#) and the [WI Kiwanis Clubs](#) continues to offer FREE equipment and supplies to ambulance services and first responder agencies. Their goal is to fund at least one bag per service but additional funds from the WI Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program will help expand the program after July 1.

Services can either get a full jump kit (ALS or BLS) from the program or specific pieces of equipment or supplies if they already have a pediatric kit started. The program will fund the purchase of any items on the [2010 updated list of supplies and equipment](#) endorsed by the ACS, ACEP, EMS-C and the AAP. It is important to note that the WI Trans 309 rules will be updated soon and will likely reference this list as required equipment. So now is a good time to get your peds gear updated!

Contact your local GFWC chapter (ambulance services) or Kiwanis Club (first responders) for more information. If you have any trouble getting in contact with a local club or there is not one in your area, contact Elizabeth Davy at ESD@LCE.BIZ or (262) 569-9331. She will put you in touch with a program or process your request herself.

Funding Expires on March 31, 2011.

Patient Tracking Project

Over the past few years the State of Wisconsin has developed an electronic patient tracking system that will aid in searching for patients during a multiple victim incident. Last year there were a few services evaluating the system and it had fairly good results. This year, we want to expand that evaluation.

The Office of Justice Administration has set aside funding for two patient tracking projects in each RTAC. The projects will expand on what has been learned during the first phase of the project over the past year.

We will help identify the services that would like to participate in the project. If you have any desire at all, please contact us. We can share more information on the project and answer questions you may have.

EMS for Children Surveys due

Hospitals and EMS Services that recently received an email survey request from EMS for Children should complete the survey soon. The survey results are an important part of the federal funding that the program receives.

The federal government uses responses from hospitals, ambulance services and first responder groups to see how well we take care of our pediatric population.

If you received an online survey, please complete it as soon as possible.

Classes and Announcements

Lake Superior RTAC Membership Meeting
March 10th 1-4 PM at the Spooner Hospital

ATLS Class March 4th and 5th - St. Luke's

Look for our new website!
www.lakesuperiorrtac.org

Please submit information to Dan about upcoming classes and events so that they can be included in the newsletter.

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High School Public Service Announcement Competition

Just a reminder that you will start seeing a TV announcement for our High School Public Service Announcement Competition on KBJR-TV. High School juniors and seniors will submit an injury prevention "commercial" targeted at their friends.

If you have a contact at your local high school that you would like to share some information with, please let me know. Deadline for submission is March 15th.

PHTLS Class to be Offered in Hayward April 30 and May 1

A Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support will be offered in Hayward on April 30 and May 1, 2011. Class size is limited. The Lake Superior RTAC will cover half of the cost of the class. For more information or to request a flyer please contact Dan Diamon @ ddiamon@centurytel.net