

OSFNIEMS Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OSF SAINT ANTHONY MEDICAL CENTER AND THE OSF NORTHERN ILLINOIS EMS SYSTEM!!!!!!

ACLS COURSE BEING OFFERED TUITION-FREE!! We are offering an ACLS certification course 02-18 and 02-21, 2008 from 9a-4p each day here at the OSFNIEMS office. Those needing recertification only need to attend on 02-21-08. The only cost to participants will be a student textbook, which costs \$25.00. All participants will be entered into a drawing to win one of three prizes – an iPod Nano (\$149.00 value), CherryVale Mall (\$125.00 value) and Borders Book Store (\$25.00 value) gift certificates. This course will fill fast, so call Tim Weir now to register. Deadline for registration is 02-11-08.

REMEMBER - relicensure paperwork needs to be submitted to OSFNIEMS 60 days prior to your lapse date. The new Child Support Letter needs to be completed and submitted to this office along with your paperwork. ***The letter no longer goes to IDPH!*** Also note that the child support letter now requires your date of birth, driver's license number, and social security number. These numbers must be included or the paperwork can not be submitted for relicensure. The new form can be downloaded from our website www.osfniems.org. Effective 01-14-08, this form will also need to be submitted for those getting their initial EMT license. See your course Lead Instructor for details.

2008 Continuing Education Schedules were mailed out 12-19-07. For agencies who applied for continuing education the IDPH site codes were mailed in mid-December. If you applied for CE and did not receive your approved site code(s), please contact Tim Weir for follow-up.

Skills Validations Update Reminder - skills validations are now only required **twice in a four year licensing period effective immediately**. Skills validated remain the same and can be completed at any location on the 2008 CE Schedule.

CQI Program Update. Please ensure that you are using the most current forms for your airway and expanded scope QI paperwork. Current forms are on the OSFNIEMS website. Additionally, we have upgraded our process of reviewing EMS run reports to give our providers constructive feedback on their performance. Given this, please ensure you are sending your run reports / refusal forms to the EMS office on the 5th of the month for the previous month to keep our records current.

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