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What A Deal!

IEMTA is growing, and you can be a part of a stronger voice for EMS in Illinois. From April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010 new members may join IEMTA without paying the initial \$20 membership dues.

This special offer is only for new membership whose application is postmarked between April 1 and June 30, 2010 or given to a board member during this timeframe. New member application must include an email address as the newsletter will only be sent electronically.

President's Message

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 36th year of the Illinois EMT Association. We are happy to report that the Annual Seminar held in February was a great success. We're not resting on our laurels, however; we are rolling up our sleeves and are ready to get to work! Your Board of Directors has several goals we hope to accomplish this year.

Director Vicki Gallaher is keeping us up to date on legislative issues that affect EMS and meeting with Legislators in Springfield to bring issues affecting EMS to their attention. Our goal is to become a strong, viable voice for EMS in Illinois. To do this we need numbers. This is where you come in. Our challenge to you is to bring your friends and co-workers into the Association to help build a strong base to work toward these goals. There is Power in numbers!

We're always interested to hear your thoughts and opinions. Let us hear from you, let's work together to make our organization bigger, better, and stronger!

Be careful out there!

*Tina Meadows
President*

Meet Your Board

New Board Directors were seated and officers elected. The following is the IEMTA Board of Directors:

Angela Attig
 Augie Bamonti
 Tony Crystal (Vice President)
 Allan Davis (Treasurer)
 Pam Davis
 Dan Gallaher
 Vicki Gallaher
 Bret Jefferies
 Kimmel Jenkins

Tina Meadows (President)
 Tonya Minz
 Bryan Peters
 Richard Reiners
 Susan Schleich (Secretary)
 Kathy Taylor
 Michael Weaver
 Terry Springer
 Rick Zuffa

Under Construction

IEMTA Board of Directors is working hard to make the Association a strong voice for EMS and enhance the benefits to the membership. While some areas have not progressed as quickly as any of us would have liked, we are continuing to move the Association forward. Thank you for your support.

Legislative Update

There are several pieces of legislation affecting EMS in the Illinois House and Senate. Following are some of the bills and synopsis. Additional information on the status of these and other legislation may be found on the Illinois General Assembly website at <http://www.ilga.gov/>.

HB4774

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Health may not promulgate rules prohibiting an Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic (EMT-P) licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health from drawing blood to be used as evidence for a violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

HB5097

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that for taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2010, each taxpayer who was a volunteer emergency medical worker during the entire taxable year is entitled to an income tax credit. Provides that the credit may not exceed \$500 or the amount of the taxpayer's liability under this Act, whichever is less. Prohibits the carry forward of an excess tax credit to a succeeding year's tax liability. Exempts the provisions from the sunset requirements. Effective July 1, 2010.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

IEMTA Annual Seminar
 March 11-13, 2011
 Northfield Inn & Conference
 Center
 Springfield, Illinois

HB5176

Amends the Department of Public Health Act. In a provision concerning Department powers, provides that the Department may levy a fine on any institution or entity that it licenses or regulates for failing to comply with a lawful order made by the Department or for otherwise violating an Act that the Department has the responsibility of administering. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

HB5183

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Health shall have the authority to promulgate minimum standards for critical care transport through rules adopted by the Department. Defines "critical care transport" to mean an advanced level of Pre-hospital and Inter-hospital care utilizing specially trained paramedics, specially trained nurses, and other specialized healthcare providers to deliver advanced or highly specialized care above or beyond the level of current paramedic practice. Establishes minimum standards for critical care transport programs.

Grants the Department the authority to suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew (rather than suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew) the license of any EMT that has been convicted by any lawful court of a felony criminal offense involving unlawful physical injury to a child under the age of 13 or an adult over the age of 65.

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Contains provisions concerning application, testing, certification, and licensing fees for First Responders, EMS Lead Instructors, Emergency Medical Dispatchers, Trauma Nurse Specialists, Pre-Hospital Register Nurses, and Emergency Communication Register Nurses. Makes other changes. Effective January 1, 2011.

HB5430

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that any Emergency Medical Technician whose license expired September 30, 2009, and who reapplies for licensure by January 1, 2011 shall have the license renewed once the individual completes the continuing education requirement and pays the licensure fee. Effective immediately.

SB3054

Amends the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. Provides that beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act, implementation of any amendments, additions, subtractions, or changes to an EMS System's Program Plan shall be delayed for a period of 180 days to allow for a hearing and final approval by the Department of Public Health. Effective immediately.

To comment on these or other legislation, contact your state Senator or Representative. Contact information may be found through the Illinois General Assembly website.

Were You There?

The 2010 IEMTA Seminar and Annual Meeting was held at the Northfield Inn & Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois during the February 12-14 weekend.

- *Were you there*, to hear the variety of topics in EMS?
- *Were you there*, to test your EMS knowledge playing EMS Jeopardy?
- *Were you there*, to hear Lorie Reiners' moving presentation from the patient's viewpoint?
- *Were you there*, to network with fellow EMS providers from throughout the state?
- *Were you there*, to celebrate the Illinois EMT Association's 35th anniversary?
- *Were you there*, to provide input to the direction of "your" Association?

Don't miss out on next year's seminar and annual meeting scheduled for March 11-13, 2011. Mark your calendar now! And watch for more information as the date approaches.

Congratulations!

The following awards were presented at the 2010 IEMTA Seminar luncheon:

- The Robert Stripp Award for Service to EMS in the State of Illinois was presented to Bob and Sue Burkham, founders of Decatur Ambulance Service.
- The Luann Acuncius Award for Excellence in EMS Education was presented to Craig Jacobus for his years of service to EMS education and the IEMTA.
- A special Appreciation Award to the Northfield Inn & Conference Center for their years of service to the IEMTA.

This is "YOUR" newsletter. If you have an EMS event or article for The Monitor, please email your information to:

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We value your input!