

Village Ambulance Service

Spring 2009 Newsletter



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Did you know?

A PCR is a:

Patient Care Record ☐

Legal Document ☐

QI Instrument ☐

Billing Resource ☐

All of above ☒

Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Village Ambulance Service's biannual newsletter. Here you will receive valuable tips and insight into the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) profession.

Village Ambulance Service presents this newsletter to keep you up-to-date on our most current programs, projects, training, and community endeavors.

As we launch this new publication, we welcome your feedback, and hope you will find our newsletter to be a valuable resource.

Thanks for your time and attention. Now take a moment to catch up on local EMS!

Employee Spotlight

Rick Richer, Paramedic

Village Ambulance Service is comprised of many valuable employees that are unique in their own way. Together these employees bring skills, experience, and philosophies to better serve our community.

One of these employees is Rick Richer.

Before coming to Village Ambulance Service, Rick started his career in EMS as an EMT-Basic before ultimately attaining his Paramedic certification from Greenfield Community College in 2003. He was selected as Berkshire



County's Paramedic of the Year and Village Ambulance Service's Employee of the year in 2008. Rick is constantly on top of the ballots every year because of his dedication to his peers and the patients he cares for.

Rick's philosophy of emergency medicine is to treat everyone with respect and kindness because people of all walks of life get sick or injured.

**DRUNK DRIVING
IS NO
ACCIDENT !**

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Training Section



Village Ambulance Service Community Education and Training Programs

*"Skills when you need them; peace
of mind when you don't."*



**For additional training program
information, training suggestions,
course schedules, and upcoming
sessions, please contact us at:**

education@villageambulance.com

Village Ambulance Service Community Education and Training Programs Becomes Accredited

August 2008-We believe in educating our community on how to prevent emergencies and how to handle emergency situations. Village Ambulance Service Community Education and Training Programs is pleased to announce their recent accreditation by the State of Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Our training center is now able to teach members of the community to become Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)-Basics or already certified EMT-Basics to become EMT-Intermediates.

What is accreditation?
Accreditation is both a status and a process. As a status, accreditation provides public notification that an institution or a program meets standards of

quality set forth by an accrediting agency. As a process, it consists of ongoing evaluation and frequent program improvement.

Accreditation is a signature of training excellence achieved through strict compliance to the highest standards. [Massachusetts] OEMS mandates accreditation compliance for all initial Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training programs conducted in the Commonwealth.

As of June 30, 2005, only training institutions accredited by the Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services will be authorized to conduct initial EMT-Basic, Intermediate, and Paramedic training in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

2008-2009 Continuing Education

Needle Cricothyrotomy Initial Program and Refresher Session

Thursday, December 18, 2008

6pm to 8pm

Village Ambulance Service Training Center

2 credits pending

Zoll E-PCR Training Program

Call for details

Blanket approval

3 credits approved

Paramedic IFT Refresher Program

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

5pm to 10pm

Village Ambulance Service Training Center

5 credits pending

Winter/Fall 2009 EMT-Basic Program

We are now accepting applications for the 2009 Winter/Spring EMT-Basic program.

The program will begin on Thursday, February 5th, 2009 and run through May 2009. The course will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 10pm, with occasional Saturdays each month from 9am to 3pm.

The program will be conducted at The Williams College Bronfman Science Center located on Hoxsey St., Williamstown, MA 01267.

With a total of 130 hours of intensive class time, this comprehensive EMT-Basic course meets the Massachusetts requirement of instruction and practice necessary for the student to sit for the two-part Massachusetts EMT-Basic examination. Successful completion of this course and, by extension, the Massachusetts written and practical examination, ensures EMT-Basic certification through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Areas of instruction covered through lectures and hands-on practice include: legal issues; general pharmacology; respiratory and cardiovascular emergencies; OB/GYN emergencies; musculoskeletal, head, and spine trauma; soft tissue injuries; hazardous materials; ambulance operations; emergency medical techniques for children; and scene safety.

For more information please contact the program coordinator, Shawn Godfrey, via email: shawngodfrey@villageambulance.com.

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2008 "9-1-1 Food Drive" raises over 650lbs of donations

The 2008 Village Ambulance Service "9-1-1 Food Drive", sponsored in conjunction with the Williamstown Food Pantry, has raised over 650lbs of non-perishable food items, an increase of 150lbs from last year's endeavor.

The drive, which ran between October 21st and December 15th, not only garnered provisional aid for families throughout the Northern Berkshire area, but offered a true sense of enlightenment to those who contributed to the endeavor.

Village Ambulance Service wishes to thank all who donated food, gift cards, and other articles to this wonderful endeavor.

Going to be in the Williamstown area?
Drop non-perishable donations off at:

Village Ambulance Service, Inc.

30 Water Street

Williamstown, MA 01267; place donations in basket inside the door

Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM thru 4:00 PM



***When our citizens call
9-1-1, what are there
expectations? The
answer is quality service
with our employees
working side by side.***



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