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Emergency First Response Team (EFRT)

TO: Members of the Executive Board
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SUBJECT: Emergency First Response Team Report 3

UPDATE

Second semester has started well for the EFRT. We have finished the second weekend of training for the new rookies and recently certified them with the Emergency Medical Responder Certification. We are currently working well with the increased call volume normally seen during the first month back. Our January training was very successful as we reviewed current protocols and expanded EFRT knowledge of musculoskeletal injuries (which are our most common types of calls)

SERVICE USAGE

Since September the EFRT has assessed and treated 327 patients. Of these patients we were able to divert 248 of them away from Hamilton EMS (246 treated and diverted to UCC or treated and released by the EFRT). 79 of these patients required assessment and further treatment by Hamilton Emergency Medical Services, and 2 of these patients were transported by the EFRT to McMaster University Medical Center. The majority of our calls had a response time under 3 minutes from the time of initial call to McMaster Security Services (Including time before EFRT is dispatched).

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

We completed a successful orientation and try-out process with many of our alumni helping with evaluation and teaching of `candidates`. As mentioned previously the EFRT has selected 12 new members who completed the beginning of their training with alumni members on the weekend of October 20th. Finally we successfully celebrated our 30 year history on November the 10th with a dinner and reception. The event featured a keynote speech by EFRT founder and current medical director Dr. Eddie Wasser as well as a speech from S.Sgt. Cathy O'Donnell from McMaster Security Services and MC'd by former team members Dr Morgan Hillier and Kira Goodman.. The reunion was successful in that it allowed us to remember our roots and ground us in the important role that we play here on campus. We also completed the remainder of our new member training in January including a full day of scenario evaluation and a 2 hour walk-around with a Hamilton EMS supervisor.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

We are currently in preparations for the *National Conference of Campus Response Teams* as well as the conference of the *National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation*, both of which take place in February. Sophomore members of the team are also hard at work preparing for the International Trauma Life Support course which they will attend in June. We are continuing to further our PR by becoming involved in as many MSU collaborative events as we can. The executive is planning the mid-year evaluations for the team which take place in March. We are running 3 additional trainings with various Physicians with emergency medicine committed to teaching them. We also have created a dialogue and relationship with the head athletic trainer at McMaster Sports Medicine. After attending our Musculoskeletal training he has invited EFRT members to attend Sports Therapists week long summer training to learn more about MSK injuries. This relationship will allow us to further increase our relationship with an organization with very similar goals. Finally an agreement was recently reached with London-Middlesex EMS to allow EFRT responders to “ride-along” with paramedic crews to help better understand the field of prehospital medicine.

BUDGET

As per the last report we are facing some slight challenges with our budget. Specifically the conferences budget. We experienced a significant drain on our conferences budget (6201-0107) which was used to finalize plans for the “30 year reunion”. We met unexpected costs which were the result of miscommunications between the summer director, alumni association planner and myself. In light of this we had to spend much more than was initially expected of the EFRT. This continues to create challenges for us as we prepare to attend the Emergency Response conferences in February.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

As mentioned in the BUDGET section, our challenges are within necessary spending from our 30 year reunion. It may be necessary to increase EFRT budget line (6201-0107) as this was an unexpected costs that comes up very infrequently (e.g. every 5 years for a reunion) It is unfair to punish current EFRT members by depriving them of the ability to attend a conference because of an event that takes place every 5 years.

SUCSESSES

Apart from the 30th reunion in November we have had 2 major successes in this term. The succesfull organization of EMS rideouts with LM-EMS is a big step for us as the rideout program was shutdown to non-healthcare professionals (other than nurses, doctors, paramedic students) in 2008. Finally, opening a dialogue with McMaster Sports Medicine will allow us to increase the skills and knowledge of our responders. This will directly benefit the patients that we treat on campus.