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Emergency First Response Team

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

Second semester has been running smoothly for the EFRT. Number of calls and SFA revenue have both increased since last year. We have completed the mid year evaluations of our responders, and are looking forward to attending and competing at conferences in the next several weeks. We are hoping to find an extra storage space for our SFA courses, as the amount of equipment has accumulated as our courses increase in size.

SERVICE USAGE

Since the beginning of the school year, the EFRT has received 497 calls in total. The EFRT has been able to divert 388 of these calls from Hamilton EMS, while 91 have been sent to the hospital via ambulance, and 18 sent to the McMaster University Medical Centre via Security Services. The majority of these calls have been musculoskeletal or soft tissue, and have had a response time of 3 minutes or less. This is an increase in number of calls from last year at this time.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

The EFRT has successfully completed the mid year evaluation of all of the responders currently running shifts by evaluating responders as they completed two situations individually. It was great to see all the responders practicing their skills, and to see how much the new rookies have improved over the year.

The focus of our February training was psychiatric emergencies. We were lucky to have a speaker from the SACHA attend to give us more information on how best to approach calls for sexual assaults.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

In the next several weeks, representatives from the EFRT will be attending a Canadian and a North American conference for campus response teams, where we will have teams compete in the skills competitions. We are also planning PR week for the second week in March, where the EFRT PR board and responders will attend different locations throughout campus to raise awareness about our service.

BUDGET

As mentioned last meeting, our training budget will be over due to the greater number of responders returning to respond. The team uniforms budget should be able to cover most of this increased cost. Our team supplies budget, though it was over last year, should be within the budget line for this year, despite going over significantly last year, due to the fact that we replaced most of our larger supplies last year. However, we are also purchasing a new bike, which was unexpected, which will add extra cost.

CURRENT CHALLENGES

The SFA courses for the EFRT have increased in size over the past several years. This has resulted in an increase in supplies needed for the courses, such as the number and size of the manikins. We are having some difficulty finding storage space for the supplies needed for the courses. It would be great if there were any recommendations regarding extra storage space, or a storage closet, that could be used to store the equipment.

SUCSESSES

The EFRT SFA courses have continued to be very popular, and most of them have reached the capacity for number of students. Responders are excited to attend several conferences in the upcoming weeks to represent the EFRT nationally and internationally, and to defend the first place finish at the North American conference last year. Lastly, our responders performed very well on their mid year evaluations. It was great to watch all their hard work and training pay off.