



Chatfield EMS News

March 2015

The March Ambulance Meeting will be Thursday the 12th at 7PM. One thing we know for certain in EMS is that there will always be change.

Cathy Anderson from the SE Minnesota EMS Office will be our guest speaker at the meeting to talk about some of the changes coming.

Speaking of Cathy; after 25 years with the Chatfield Ambulance Service; Cathy has reluctantly turned in her pager. It was undecided when she took the position with the SE EMS Office whether volunteering with the service would fit into her schedule; it has proven to be difficult. We will see Cathy at training however as she needs to keep up her certification for her current position.

Thank You Cathy!

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO:

Nancy Timm 3/4

Zach Linnell 3/13

Matt Gathje 3/23

Data Privacy!

A confidential report has been made to Dr. Dietz: In a Public Gathering place; someone on our service was overheard talking about an Ambulance Call.

I have no idea who what when or where, and it doesn't matter, but this is to serve as a reminder. If you are on a call and take care of a patient it is confidential. Calls can be referenced during training, or reviewed during a class; but that information also stays here. I know folks are interested in the service, but we cannot share information, especially in a public gathering place. You have all signed an agreement to adhere to the data privacy rules and HIPAA guidelines. Thanks

TRAINING AVAILABLE

Many of you are registered for one of both days of the SE MN EMS Conference. The city car will be available if someone wants to spearhead rides, just let me know.

REFRESHER CERTIFICATIONS

If you completed the refresher and the State EMSRB Disclosure, you should have received your new card. Copies of new cards need to be placed in the license book. New CPR cards have also arrived. Once all of the EMSRB items are complete, you can work on the NREMT recertification. That must be completed before the March 31st expiration. I have vouchers for you, and can give you the number to pay for your recertification.

I check both the EMSRB and NREMT sites daily for requests to confirm refreshers. If you need help with the process don't hesitate to give a call or stop in.



The Spring/Summer EMT class is scheduled for April. Instructors will be having a meeting soon to complete the instructor schedule.



Please place the portable radios in the charging stands and make sure the charging light is on. A few reports of dead on near dead radios have come in. Look forward to new truck and new radios this fall/winter.

On a side note our EMS Support staff Rocky is doing a great job in his new position!

Hope to see you ALL at this important meeting.