



# FY12 Quarterly Activity Report

Northeast Colorado RETAC

Quarter \_\_\_1, X2, \_\_\_3, \_\_\_4

## Current Issues

### NEPAB

1. Limited Trauma Activations and the anti-coagulated patient.
  - a. The NEPAB decided that in the case of an isolated head injured patient that the limited trauma would apply. Single system injury not involving head would not be a limited trauma activation based solely on an anti-coagulated patient.

### 1. The Regional Medical Direction

- a. This project hit a snag in October with an unexpected family tragedy. As a result activity in this area slowed during the month of October. Also the Regional Clinical Care contractor moved out of the area and only one applicant applied for that position. Based on the skill set of that individual and the need for a revised Scope of Work to more fully develop relationships with local EMS Medical Directors the council chose not to fill that position and ask for permission from the Dept. to have the RMD hire his own staff as he see's fit to assist in the completion of this project for FY 2011-12.
- b. This was approved by the Department and a new contract was issued along with a new reporting system. We are in the process of having those contracts signed as of this writing.

### 1. Communications

- a. Many agencies are having meetings re; the narrow banding rules by the FCC. Some agencies have systems that are not narrow band width capable and these systems will either have to be updated with new equipment or a new process to be put in place; specifically paging. Currently the DTR system does not support paging and in the case of small volunteer ambulance services, it is either not cost effective to purchase a radio for every provider nor is it feasible or desired to carry a radio 24/7. Phillips county is looking at a reverse 911 system that can notify by cell phone, home phone. But with any 3<sup>rd</sup> party network a fully vested system needs to be in place prior to implementation.

<p><b>1. County Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Logan County has approved a new plan for their injury prevention funding received in previous years. Every 15 minutes which is an altered driver program involving teen drivers and an A.B.A.T.E. program which is a motorcycle operator education program. Both of these programs have committed individuals on the Logan County EMS council to implement the program.</li><li>b. Logan County has finalized their local county plan for the 5,000 encumbered by the NCRETAC. This plan has not yet been submitted however.</li><li>c. Yuma county has yet to submit their plan for FY 2011-12 and has already received some of the funds for an AED purchase last year by the NCRETAC.</li><li>d. Larimer County has not submitted a plan</li></ul>
<p><b>1. Clinical Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Some agencies are investigating a new airway management system much less expensive than the Glide Scope™ brand. King Airway™ is a hand held device with the screen attached to the handle and is about 1/10<sup>th</sup> the cost. Grants are being developed with other agencies and their patient care equipment.</li></ul>
<p><b>1. Jackson County EMS has asked the Dept. to look into funding a systems review, similar to what was done in Logan County in 2009. The NCRETAC medical director, NCRETAC Chair and Coordinator held a telephone conference with the North Park Hospital District attorney and Hospital board, and EMS medical director to look at contractual issues, scope of practice and EMS oversight. More on this issue will be available as the process develops.</b></p>

**RETAC Activity/Accomplishments**

**Goal 1, ; Component 4-Systems Finance**

- *Objectives*
  - Funding of operations and goals development of the NCRETAC
  - Provide resources necessary to support Generally Accepted Governmental Accounting Practices
    - The bookkeeping firm Novosad & Associates is working out very well for the financial reporting required by the Department. All financial reports are posted online for the board meetings and kept in an archive.
  - Continue to support the infrastructure and goals with funding
  - Provide the board, CDPHE with financial reports as required and as requested

**Goal 2; Component 9 – Medical Direction,**

See current events above

### Goal #3; Component 6 - Education Systems

- Objectives

#### Continue to provide funding to CME courses identified in the funding policies to benefit EMTS agencies in the region

- To Date the NCRETAC has assisted in the funding of 5 CME courses ranging from General CME to Advanced Medical Life Support and Pediatric Emergencies for the Pre Hospital Provider and Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support
- 39 total students attending the 5 courses
- Cost to the NCRETAC \$2,602
- Cost average per student \$66.71

#### Continue to provide financial support to the ALS refresher

- **2011 ALS Refresher Summary**
  - **Roster / Attendance**
    - PVH EMS / 84 employees
    - TV EMS / 54 employees
    - Weld EMS / 100 employees
  - **Attendees from:**

Estes Park	Fredrick
Haxtun	Livermore
Morgan County	Sterling
Thornton	Windsor
Yuma	
  - **Total number enrolled - 124**
  - **Average of persons per class - 46**
  - **Total number of attendees – 1200**
  - **Amount requested - \$4286.00**
  - **Cost per attendee - \$3.50**
- **Evaluation Summary**
  - **“The course was awesome all the way through” – M.Quinones**
  - **“Great Classes” – J.Kopetzky**
  - **“umm, umm, umm and umm, not a very good speaker. Good refresher though” - Anonymous**
  - **“Good refresher, Good Material and informative” – L.Austin**
  - **Evaluation Summary**
  - **“Great info, lots to learn . . . I had some re-start troubles” – M.Woodruff**
  - **“Excellent course, great instructors” – S.Wilson**
  - **“Thank you, very well done, lots of good info” – K.Wheelock**
  - **“Great refresher, information was well presented” - B.Cheatham**
  - **Best Practices**
  - **Support continuing education through the Northeast Colorado RETAC**
  - **Improve treatment and quality of care**
  - **Promote stronger working relationships, in the Northeast Colorado RETAC**

### Goal #4; Component 14 - Information Systems

- Objectives

**Provide simple, universal access to information and services for board members, contractors, and end users.**

- The web site is updated regularly with meeting information and notices of events.
- Implement VoIP technology to improve the delivery of voice communications
  - Go To meeting is engaged for all meetings by the board and since the move to TVEMS the sound and internet capabilities have improved access to these meetings.
- Research and provide more advanced web tools for the NCRETAC to enhance the NCRETACs web presence in a way that will reach and attract more traffic and meet our regions changing needs.
  - We have implemented updated forms to submit information on classes or funding programs this data has been used in this report for the EMTS Courses and ALS refresher.
- Provide storage of media for continuity of operations and funding programs
  - Online storage of important documents in the file structure of our web pages.
- Post Timely meeting notices
  - Monthly meetings agendas are posted at a minimum of 1 week in advance, but the posted schedule is online,
- Post special announcements as needed
  - Improve the online communications ability for individuals and groups associated with the NCRETAC.

**Goal #5; Component 13 – Prevention**

Collaborate with local and regional efforts to enhance injury prevention activities

Objectives

- Form an injury prevention subcommittee that will;
  - Formation of this committee has not occurred.
- The injury prevention subcommittee will create an online/fill-able application and report to make it easier for counties to apply for RETAC prevention funds
  - This has occurred but no Injury prevention applications have been received
- CDOT occupant protection grants are being subcontracted out to PVHS Foundation. Reports have been submitted within the deadline and activities reports have been made directly to CDOT.
- See CDOT report as an appendix to this report

## Goal #6; Component 11 - Mass Casualty Systems

To enhance all hazards planning and how it integrates into the ESF 8 for EMTS entities in the NCRETAC

### Objectives

- Form a working group to update the NCRETAC Mass Casualty Plan as needed
  - Not been updated in 2011-12 by end of quarter 2.
- Support EMTS courses that follow existing funding program policies that identify Mass Casualty as the course curriculum
  - No activity in this area.
- **Additional activity not listed as an objective but working under this basic goal.**

## Emergency Preparedness Healthcare Coalition & North East Colorado Hospital Emergency Communication System

Met on November 17, 2011 to discuss the following.

### ESF 8

- Mike Burnett reported on ESF 8 Planning district wide to include Logan, Washington, Sedgwick and Yuma counties. Portions of plans will be combined into one plan; to be finalized by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. This is to give better continuity with hospitals, EMS etc., and make coordination easier.

### Evacuation

- PVHS - has purchased 100 med sleds, 4 on each unit; these will be shared between PVHS and MCR. The NICU evac device is a prototype.
- Keefe Memorial Hospital - has purchased 18 Evacu Sleds.

### All Hazards/HazMat

- Keefe Memorial Hospital is looking for education for “Hazardous Materials for First Responders” Mike McCaleb is an instructor and will make contact to provide education.
- Mike McCaleb reported on using the DH grant for the Colorado HazMat Team to have 13 people operations ready; they will support Colorado State Patrol with HazMat as needed.
- There will be a public meeting on Nov 21, 2012 regarding Hwy 36 becoming a HazMat route. Advantages will be funding for training, providing training to all agents on Hwy 36 and developing a comprehensive response plan.
- Sterling Regional Med Center reported that they train with their first responders quarterly.
- Yuma District Hospital reported that they have developed a “First Responders” core group and currently have appx. 18 members. They meet quarterly and drill at a minimum of once a year, setting up the Decon tent and dressing out in PAPR’s. This year’s drill was completed on Oct. 12, 2012 with Mike McCaleb as the evaluator.

### Drill

- Melissa Memorial Hospital recently drilled using a truck and an anhydrous tank collision with First Responders and the First Dept.

- Yuma County EmP Committee, which includes Yuma District Hospital, Wray Community Hospital, Police, Fire, EMS, Public Health and area schools etc., are in the early planning phase of a full scale exercise that will be held in September. The NECHECS committee will exercise communication during this drill as a region. There is plan to set up an EOC and have all those partnering have an active role. They plan to have a Table Top exercise sometime during National Weather Preparedness Week in late March or early April; Roger Brown reported the dates have not been set yet and he will keep us apprised.
- Sterling Regional Med Center is planning an exercise in the Spring with Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs flying in the Chempack.
- Poudre Valley Hospital System is planning an exercise for April/May with MCR focusing on patient influx as a mass casualty incident. Tim also reported on a Table Top exercise in Loveland sometime in the Fall of 2013.
- Wray Community Hospital reported on the “Shooter Drill” on Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Law enforcement was largely involved and supported other agencies and planning. Mutual Aid and Communication were two objectives. Stood up Command Post for this exercise at the High School, radio traffic was effective

### Event Reports

- PVHS set up ICS for a power outage. It was late in the day and they had to use a utility generator which did make the switch for all the rooms i.e., OR. There were no untoward effects in patient care or outcome. Lesson learned – vendor information was old for big equipment, they will now update vendor contacts yearly. Some of the older equipment, circa 1970 to 1985, needed parts replaced due to power surge and parts were very hard to come by.
- WCDH set up ICS for trail derailment. What could have been potentially very bad and overwhelming turned out well receiving only 5 patients. YDH did not officially set up ICS but was ready to receive patients if WCDH needed to move into a med surge situation.

### Communication

- There is Co Train based Interoperability Radio Training for the 800 MHz radios. This can be done on line as well as Face to Face with instructor.
- There will be a CNCC Fee to begin in January 2012, \$100 fee per DTR license.
- Dec 15, 2012 there will be a hospital staff sheltering online exercise “Accommodating Accommodations” Table Top exercise.
- Keefe Memorial reports using instant messaging through outlook express, reaching 20 people in appx. 1 ½ minutes.

### Education

- Janet Brug brought information on Mass Casualty Incident Command System (MCICS 100) management training. Janet will make contact about setting this up for those that want to participate and have more information forthcoming.
- Kerri Martinez with the Center for Integrated Preparedness Dept through the University of Colorado, Denver School of Medicine contacted Vickie about coming and speaking to our group about a project that was developed “Healthcare Partners Emergency Preparedness & Communication Project (HPCP) designed to enhance coordination and collaboration among community health care

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agencies in the all hazards region. Vickie will contact Kerri to firm up time and date for February mtg. Kerri asked for about 20 minutes.

## COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2010-11

Year-end Summary of Activities in Weld, Larimer, Morgan, Washington, Logan, Yuma, Jackson, Phillips, Sedgwick Counties



### Safe Teen Driving Experiences

We have started a Teen Safety Coalition in Morgan County to serve and mentor all NE counties with resources and team building to educate high school students and their parents with safety education.. We have recruited and engaged participation from law enforcement, first responders, medical personnel, insurance agencies, educators, and several area businesses including the local newspaper who are meeting

monthly. Goal is to host a high school safety program in 2012.

Weld County served 1,204 teens through 15 school site visits plus, after a decade of attempts to get into School District 6, worked with 300+ freshmen at Greeley West High School over a 6 wk period. Pre-prom safety messages delivered to 1,100 Larimer students.

**Community outreach continues through Safety Fairs** for all ages in most communities, some using BrainWise curriculum addressing risky behaviors encompassing fatigue, distractions, drug and alcohol poor choices.

**Tailgate the Safety Way** celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of providing hands-on activities through more than 25 educational stations to 14,000+. This community collaboration continues to provide attendees with a one-stop learning adventure for all ages that they cannot experience elsewhere. SIMBA, Celebrity Driving Course wearing the fatal vision goggles, road side sobriety tests, climbing in an 18-wheeler or ambulance, trying on fire gear, witnessing the ‘jaws of life’ at work and an air bag deployment – to name just a few.



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child care centers, banks, Post offices, health departments, car dealerships, on city vehicles, in Town Halls and Police stations, plus paid media, news features, and advertising was implemented during three separate campaigns. Prior to spring graduation, students were recruited to post large “Buckle-up” messages on chain link fences at area high school and UNC stadiums where they were highly visible when graduation ceremonies were held to build further awareness about using your seat belts to save lives.

**Sustainability** was the focus of an effort that evolved out of **Click It or Ticket** to encourage the *constant habit of seat belt use*. We designed and partnered with Northern Colorado Traffic Control to manufacture 47 metal **safety signs** that were installed at parking lot exits at 13 high schools, 3 colleges & universities and 3 businesses reminding people to NOT text and drive, Be Safe & Buckle Up!

**Click It or Ticket** was supported in all counties with the state’s promotional materials displayed at businesses in reception areas, entrance and exit doors, at truck stops, mini marts on their gas pumps, school and church bulletin boards, in medical facilities,



We hope to continue to expand to other schools and businesses in all nine counties as funding allows. Matching dollars were sought at the area businesses and college campuses.

We worked collaboratively to support Aims Community College at two NEW Safety events, **ROAD MAP FOR YOUR SAFE SPRING BREAK No Drinking and Driving program and Fall-In, Back to School** in the fall. We are reaching out to Morgan Community College (installed 2 signs), Northeastern Junior College and UNC (3 signs) for future student collaboration.

### Parents of Teen Drivers

Hosted nine Weld and two Morgan County classes and worked with 114 parents and their teens providing resources on guidelines for new drivers, information on Colorado's Graduated Driver's License Laws, parent & teen driving agreements that cover driving rules vehicle use, financial responsibility, school grades, geographic driving limits, and the consequences for breaking rules. Sessions are led by law enforcement, driver's education and insurance personnel. Larimer touched 160 families at health and safety fairs, Brewfests and other festivals as did many other counties. We hope to continue to expand this program as we share the importance of logging practice hours driving and setting healthy boundaries for our most inexperienced drivers.

### Teen Seat Belt Use Pledge & Use Surveys

Every outreach experience explains the necessity of using seat belts to save lives. At youth events more than 1,500 teens signed a pledge to wear their seatbelt. We randomly select schools and recruit teens to log seatbelt use as students and adults arrive. Results: 87% seat belted; percentage of teenage and juvenile passengers seat belted...89% and adult drivers 84% wore seat belted (this is a 7% improvement over last year). At the conclusion of our educational programs 95% of teen participants state (in post surveys) that they will wear their seatbelts.



### Child Passenger Safety

Grant funding allowed North Colorado Medical Center to implement a year-long pilot program with Monfort Family Birth Center's car seat fit station to ensure every newborn was properly restrained in a car safety seat when discharged from the hospital. From October-September, 1,007 families were contacted and given accurate educative information. Additionally, seven Buckle Up for Love carnivals were hosted 690 car seats were inspected, and properly fit, parents received education and older children were weighed and measured for Booster Seats. Nearly 240 discounted car seats and booster seats were provided to families. CPS Team (NE) Colorado remains devoted to infant, toddler, preschool occupant programs. Car Seat Safety Technician certification and re-certification needs

continued support. There are never enough car seats and booster seats or bilingual technicians to meet needs.

### Growing Community Partnerships

We continue to groom law enforcement, medical community/first responders, school and library districts, municipalities, service clubs and private businesses as partners. They must be engaged to ensure future funding support and sustainability.

