



NNE MMRS Newsletter

Winter 2008

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New Hampshire Welcomes New Team Leadership



Dave Mattice, MD
Team Commander



Steve Fecteau, EMT-P
Deputy Team Commander

The New Hampshire Task Force welcomed new team leadership at a team meeting in December. Dave Mattice is taking on the position of Team Commander, while Steve Fecteau will be the new Deputy Commander.

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Maine TF-1 Deploys for Lobster Dip

Team Provides Medical Coverage for Annual Special Olympics Event - January 1, 2008



Clad in everything from bathing suits to Bean boots to inflatable costumes, approximately 300 brave individuals took a dip in the Atlantic Ocean on New Year's Day.

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Maine TF-1 Covers Special Olympics Event, continued

ME TF-1 was on hand for the 20th annual Lobster Dip in Old Orchard Beach. The New Year's Day fundraiser raised money for the Special Olympics Program in Maine. ME TF-1 brought and setup the Zumro Emergency Shelter, complete with propane heaters. In contrast to the brisk outside temperatures, inside the shelter was warm and toasty. The Maine State Police Dive Team, also supporting the event, made use of the shelter for a warm and dry place to don their dry suits. Not only was the dip a good public relations event for ME TF-1, team members got the opportunity to train and learn on the logistics and set-up and take down of the shelter. "The water was cold, but I cannot imagine New Year's Day without it," said one enthusiastic dipper.



- Eric Sawyer, ME TF-1

Crowds on the beach for the Lobster Dip, above

Team members work to take down the Zumro shelter, left

Save the Date: New Hampshire Team Meeting

New Hampshire Team members: Please save the date for the next team meeting. Tuesday, March 11, 5pm, at the Flynn Fire Academy in Concord. Regrets only to Christine (Christine.a.tolis@dartmouth.edu) please.

Save the Date: Steering Committee Meeting

The Spring 2008 Steering Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 28. More details regarding the location and agenda will be coming.

We look forward to seeing everyone this spring!

New Hampshire Welcomes New Team Leaders, continued

Dave Mattice was born and raised in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. His Bachelors Degree in Science and Masters in Physiology are from the University of Ottawa. He attended medical school at the University of Toronto, and completed a Family Medicine residency in Ottawa. He is currently a full-time ER physician at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro, and works part-time in the ERs at Lakes Region General, Franklin Regional, and Speare Memorial Hospitals. He is also the EMS medical director at Huggins Hospital, an instructor in PALS and ACLS, and is also trained in ATLS. Dave lives in Gilford with his wife of 23 years and their four children, ages 9, 12, 13, and 16.

Steve Fecteau has been a Firefighter/EMT with the Franklin Fire Department for 21 years, with the past 13 years as a career member. His part-time work as a paramedic at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia provides experience in one of NH's busiest Emergency Departments. Steve also volunteers as a member of the Andover Rescue Squad. His educational background includes an A.A.S. in Fire Protection from NH Technical College – Laconia and a B.S. in Fire/Emergency Management from Rivier College in Nashua. Professional qualifications include Nationally Registered EMT-P, NH Firefighter III, Hazardous Materials Operations & Decontamination, NH Fire Officer II, NH Fire Academy Staff Instructor and EMS Instructor/Coordinator. As a charter member of the Strike Team, Steve is interested in seeing this team become fully operational and able to tackle many different emergencies with proper training and equipment. Steve lives in Andover with his wife Amy and very energetic 2 ½ year old son, Ethan. They are expecting another child in June.

Maine Task Force 2008 Meeting Calendar

Team meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. To even out travel for team members, meetings will alter between Lewiston and Portland. Please add these dates to your 2008 schedule. Team members are required to attend six (6) meetings/trainings per year to be deployable.

DATE:

January 17th

February 21st

March 20th

April 17th

May 15th

June 19th

July 17th

August 21st

September 18th

October 16th

November 20th

December 18th

LOCATION:

CR A and B @ CMMC, Lewiston

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Task Force Application Process and Required Medical Screening

Strike Team application packets are now available to download at <http://www.nnemMrs.org/>. Please submit completed applications to the Regional Office.

The regional office will verify all team members' credentials with the respective state licensing boards, forward applications to the State Team Commander for approval, and provide regular updates to team members. After the application is approved, applicants will need to complete a confidential healthcare questionnaire, which is also available online.

The Occupational Medicine Department at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center will screen team members to ensure their safety while providing care. Occasionally team members will be asked to provide supporting information (such as vaccination history) to Occupational Medicine. If you have been contacted about missing information to complete your clearance, please submit this as soon as possible. All strike team members must be medically cleared in order to participate in exercises, outside training, and deployments.

Thank you to all Task Force members who have submitted all their paperwork and are cleared for deployments and training!

Task Force Member Training Opportunities

Task Force members are regularly offered training opportunities, both during regular team meetings and special opportunities. This past fall, MMRS was able to send several team members to the TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Support) course in Massachusetts. Several team members are also scheduled to attend the TERT (WMD Technical Emergency Response Training) course in Anniston, AL this winter. Please check your email for occasional training opportunities that arise, including an upcoming TEMS class this spring.

All team members, regardless of your specific discipline or role, must complete the following trainings: **IS100**, **IS200**, **IS700**, and **IS800**, which are available online at:

http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/ICSResCntr_Training.htm

Please forward copies of all training certificates to the Regional Office.

