NYS DOH Respiratory Protection Workshop for EMS Management Seeking Instructor Nominations and Resumes

Expressions of interest and resume, if available, should be submitted to Michael Mastrianni, President, NYSVA&RA by e-mail as soon as possible.

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From: James S. Soto [mailto:jss02@health.state.ny.us]
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To: president@nysvara.org
Subject: Nominations for a Train the Trainer Program

Dear Colleague -

The Bureau of EMS has recently received a grant to promote greater OSHA 1910.134 (Respiratory Protection Plan) compliance by EMS agencies, in anticipation of the upcoming seasonal and Novel H1N1 flu.

I am looking for nominations from the New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association of a few enthusiastic individuals with instructor credentials meeting our criteria, who would be willing to become part of a trainer cadre to provide local EMS agencies with an orientation to these OSHA requirements. The nominated individuals will need to attend our Train the Trainer program, and once completed, will commit to work with the Bureau to provide EMS agency orientations on the subject. We expect to be able to provide the Train the Trainer program in the next 30 to 45 days and then have this trainer cadre provide local orientation programs over the next several months. The Train the Trainer program is expected to be approximately 6 hours in length. The EMS agency orientation program to be delivered by the trainer cadre will be of approximately 3 to 4 hours in length. There will be a stipend for the trainer who provides this local orientation course.

We feel strongly that we can help reduce unnecessary exposure of EMS members to influenza by providing education to EMS management on methods, policies and Agency based plans that can reduce the spread of illness to co-workers and family.

I am asking for a written nomination from your organization (an email can suffice) and a copy of a resume for the nominated individual. Please feel free to provide a copy of the attached project description to any of your nominees. I want them to know what we're trying to do. I realize that you may not have copies of resumes on hand or available and waiting to get one will add a delay. Once you have confirmed the nominee’s interest in the project, you can provide your organization’s nomination to us, and the candidate can submit their resume directly to us.

I am looking to your organization to help quickly identify the best EMS instructors who are willing to assist us. For every resume submitted, we'll need to match it to a nomination from your organization. We are looking to provide the best program possible within the time constraints. A more extensive description of the project, objectives and requirements is attached.
Thank you in advance for your assistance with this project.

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What is the Project?
The Bureau received a grant in August and is developing a plan to promote increased compliance by EMS agencies with the OSHA 1910.134 - Respiratory Protection Program requirements. This is part of the Department of Health’s efforts to reduce unnecessary exposure and illness to EMS agency members and to ensure availability and continuity of service by these agencies to their communities.

What are we trying to do?
The proposed project will develop a cadre of EMS trainers with appropriate background in the subject of Respiratory Protection Programs. This cadre of instructors will receive training and materials from the Department of Health on the subject, background and resources available to the local EMS agencies to assist them in developing their own Respiratory Protection Plans, in compliance with OSHA 1910.134.

The Bureau of EMS is coordinating this Train the Trainer program to develop this cadre which will then provide training to appropriate local EMS agency owners/operators/managers who attend. A goal of this project is to encourage greater EMS agency compliance with this OSHA standard and encourage development of agency specific Respiratory Protection Plans. In doing so, this can help reduce the impact of seasonal flu and H1N1 on the EMS community and families. Since the flu season is almost upon us, this project is of short duration with tight deadlines.

What is the participant’s/nominee’s commitment?
Once the candidate has successfully completed the Train the Trainer program, they will be authorized to provide these 3 to 4 hour local Respiratory Protection Planning orientation to local EMS agencies. Each instructor will need to commit to deliver the training program at least 5 times over a 4 month period to appropriate owners / operators/managers. This program is an attempt to assist those agencies who have not already complied with this OSHA regulation, to learn what is necessary to meet compliance requirements. Funding is being sought to provide a stipend for each class conducted meeting the criteria.
What we are looking for from you?
We are looking for Nominations and Resume's or CV's for instructor's who are experienced, interested and can commit to the number of classes to help us promote Respiratory Protection Planning for EMS. We are looking to develop approximately 75 Trainers. Since a significant portion of this workshop/training session will be interactive and informative, we are looking for instructors who are experienced and comfortable speaking to groups and can lead discussions, facilitate interaction, conduct demonstrations and appropriately respond to questions or direct them to other appropriate information sources.

What are the Train the Trainer Instructor Qualifications?
Currently Certified New York State EMT or Advanced EMT
Experience in delivery and facilitation of lecture, multi-media and equipment demonstration presentations to groups of 25 or more demonstrated by having one or more of the following Instructor certifications:

- New York State Department of Health – Bureau of EMS – Certified Instructor Coordinator (CIC)
- American Heart Association - Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Instructor – Professional level
- American Red Cross – CPR Instructor –
- National Safety Council CPR/First Aid Instructor
- Municipal Training Officer – (OFPC)
- Municipal Fire Instructor
- State Fire Instructor (OFPC)
- US Postal Service Bloodborne Pathogen Instructor

Preferred Experience and Qualifications

- Current or past work in occupational health or industrial hygiene
- Development of Respiratory Protection Plans
- Fit Tester complying with OSHA 1910.134 standards

Basically, some of the best EMS instructors in our state who are interested in helping us promote Respiratory Protection Plan compliance by EMS agencies and who are able to commit to the assignment and tight timeframe.

Where do I send my Nomination and their resume/CV?
Please submit your candidate’s recommendation and resume/CV by September 29, 2009 to:

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I realize that you may not have copies of resumes on hand or available and waiting to get one may add a delay. We are looking for your organization’s official recommendation and then the recommended candidate can submit their resume directly to us.

When will this Train the Trainer occur?
Soon – We are looking at providing the Train the Trainer course in at least three different locations throughout New York State. Once we receive nominations, we will determine the best locations to conduct the Train the Trainer to limit travel for the participants. We intend on completing the Train the Trainer programs before the end of October.

Thank you for your assistance and response to this very important project.

Sincerely,

Jim Soto
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