TRAINING BULLETIN

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EMS Operations Spotlight: Elder Abuse

Course Description:
The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) has recognized that it believes domestic violence (which includes elder abuse) is a serious public health problem in which interactions at the scene, the potential for harm to the health care provider, and the need for special documentation and communications differ from all other out-of-hospital situations.

Older victims can face the same challenges as other victims, but there may be additional challenges for this group. Medical problems, caretaker issues, and financial dependence are obstacles that can make it even more complicated for an older victim to be safe and escape abuse.

Join Joy Solomon, Director & Managing Attorney, The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale, in reviewing important information all EMTs should have before responding to these complex situations. This interactive course will focus on the recognition of victims and their injuries, understanding of the patterns of abuse and how this affects care, scene safety, preservation of evidence, and documentation requirements, as well as community resources for the victims.

This course may be applied toward Preparatory or Elective CME hours under the NY State DOH EMS Continuing Education Recertification Program.

Date(s) / Time(s): Wednesday, July 18, 2012, 1900 – 2100 (EVE)

Targeted Audience: NY State Certified Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Program Location: Westchester County Department of Emergency Services Training Center
4 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY 10595

Program Cost: None

Registration: Pre-registration is mandatory. Walk-ins are not permitted. Class size is limited.

Please send an email to emsedu@westchestergov.com or call (914) 231-1616.

You MUST provide: name, agency, cert level, contact phone number and email address.

All students are to park in the lot adjacent to the Support Services Building at 35 Walker Rd.
(There is a stairway linking the parking lot directly to the training campus.)

Please refer all related questions to Nyle Salley, EMS Division
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