Training Announcement

Poisons & Environmental Toxins for 1st Responders

Course Description:

Poison and toxin exposures adversely affecting patients can come in many forms – and can be both accidental and deliberate. Understanding the potential sources of harmful substances help EMTs to not only figure out which toxidrome they are facing for treating the patient, but also what steps they may need to take to protect themselves and how to educate their communities to avoid these potentially deadly toxins in the future.

Join representatives from the NYC Poison Control Center in this very informative two-part session. Associate Director Maria Mercurio-Zappala, RPh, will provide an update on street drugs to include but not limited to opioids, stimulants such as K2, other CNS depressants, caffeine, nicotine, and inhalants. The attendees will be able to recognize these drugs in overdose (opioid, stimulant, depressant), understand mechanisms, and to readily be able to manage these patients in the emergency department. She will also discuss varied environmental toxins and the approach to the poisoned patient.

Lauren Schwartz, Director of Public Information, will focus on poison prevention and education. She will review goals of community outreach, barriers for accessing the Poison Center, safe storage issues and strategies for working with those at high risk for unintentional poisoning exposures.

This course may be applied toward core Medicine (Toxicology) or general CME hours under the NY State DOH EMS Continuing Education Recertification Program.

Date(s) / Time(s): Wednesday, January 21, 2014 from 6:30pm-8:30pm
Targeted Audience: All First Responders
Program Location: Westchester County Department of Emergency Services
4 Dana Rd, Valhalla, NY 10595

Program Cost: None
Registration: Pre-registration is mandatory. Walk-ins are not permitted. Class size is limited.

Send an email directly to emseredu@westchestergov.com. You MUST provide: name, agency, cert level, contact phone number, email address, and announcement #.

Please refer all related questions for this class to Nyle Salley, EMS Division Westchester County Department of Emergency Services (914) 231-1495 or email nas5@westchestergov.com