

August 23, 2010

**TO: Region 4 EMS Council area EMS Educators**  
**FROM: Region 4 EMS Council**  
**RE: Scope of Practice Transition Course Train The Trainer  
Workshop**

#### **WHAT IS IT?**

As most of you know, Senate Bill 262 was passed by the Kansas Legislature last session. That new statute will change the "scope of practice" for most EMS providers in Kansas. Currently certified First Responders, EMT-B and EMT-I level attendants will be required to complete a "transition course" through their next required cycles of recertification hours if they wish to maintain their certification. You can find the complete details of the scope of practice transition project at [www.emstransition.com](http://www.emstransition.com). We encourage all of you to become very familiar with that process if you have not already done so.

#### **WHY ARE WE HOLDING THIS WORKSHOP?**

To provide educators with the opportunity to learn how to facilitate an appropriate transition course for the attendants in their service, a series of Transition Course Train The Trainer (TTT) courses is being hosted by the Kansas EMS Regional Councils.

#### **WHEN AND WHERE IS IT?**

The Transition Course TTT in Region 4 will be held on October 23 and 24, 2010 at the Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure west of Salina. Approximately 6 miles west of Salina on I-70, take the Hedville Road Exit (Exit 244), Travel 2 miles south to the entrance to the Wildlife Adventure. When you enter the parking lot, turn south and use the parking areas near the conference center. **Sessions will begin at 0800 each morning.** Please arrive with time to spare!

#### **WHO HAS TO ATTEND?**

The Kansas EMS Transition Courses within your service must be "Coordinated" by a Kansas certified EMS Educator that has attended the Kansas EMS Transition Course TTT Workshop. This person will then coordinate the course modules using "subject matter expert" instructors to meet the course objectives.

The Course Coordinators must have completed the Transition TTT. The subject matter experts used to teach the module do not necessarily have to be Kansas EMS Educators and do not have to complete the TTT prior to teaching the module.

- **(Example:** A service has one IC; one TO-2 and two TO-1 personnel on staff. One of the TO-1's attends the TTT and all the service's other educators have personal commitments that prevent them from completing the TTT course. TO-1, who has completed the TTT course, coordinates the transition courses for his service. He develops the course agenda using the IC; TO-2 and the other TO-1 as "subject matter experts" on the modules it would be appropriate for them to teach. In addition to utilizing the other educators in his service as instructors, he also enlists a local physician; a pharmacist and a Critical Care Nurse as instructors for various modules within the transition courses he develops for his service's attendants.)

### **THIS IS HUGE! HOW WILL WE MANAGE IT?**

The old saying “Q- How do you eat an elephant? A- One bite at a time” applies to this project! The Saturday, October 23 session will complete the TTT course for educators wishing to be the course coordinators for the First Responder (FR) to Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT-B) to Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) courses. The group will work until the TTT curricula for the FR to EMR and EMT-B to EMT is completed that day. That will allow educators who need to prepare transition courses for only those two levels of certification to attend only one day of the workshop. Plan to stay until at least 5:00 PM on Saturday.

Sunday, October 24, those participants wishing to coordinate the EMT-I to AEMT transition courses will begin work at 8:00 AM and will work until all work on that section of the course completed. It is estimated that this workshop will be completed in the late afternoon.

### **HOW MUCH OF THE TTT COURSE MUST I ATTEND?**

An IC or TO wishing to coordinate the courses at any level must attend the first day of the course, October 23. Only those who wish to also coordinate the EMT-I to AEMT transition courses need to attend day two of the TTT on October 24.

### **WILL THIS COUNT AS MY REQUIRED EDUCATOR WORKSHOP?**

Region 4 EMS will apply for “Educator Workshop” hours for the Saturday, October 23 session only. If approved, the Saturday session will provide Kansas certified EMS IC/ TO-1 and TO-2’s the required Educator Workshop continuing education hours needed for the Educator re-certification.

It is the individual attendee’s responsibility to confirm that those hours have been approved by KSBEMS prior to attending the workshop only for that purpose. We cannot guarantee that the Transition TTT will receive approval from the Kansas Board of EMS to meet that requirement until that request is processed by KSBEMS. The registered attendee should check the Region 4 website at <http://www.kansasemsregion4.org> prior to the workshop to confirm that Educator Workshop credit will be available.

Those wishing to receive Educator Workshop credit must remain present for at least 8 hours of the October 23 sessions. No Educator Workshop credit will be given for October 24 sessions. Region 4 EMS Council reserves the right to refuse to provide Educator Workshop credit to any individual that does not meet attendance requirements for those CE units.

### **I JUST DON’T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON! WHAT DO I DO?**

Over the past year or more, multiple discussions have been held around the state regarding the Scope of Practice changes. If you have not attended those meetings:

1. Find someone in your area who has been attending meetings and ask them to “Mentor” you
2. Immediately go to [www.kansasemstransition.com](http://www.kansasemstransition.com) and read the well thought out Q/A section that begins on the home page of that website
3. Read the documents posted in the “documents” section of that website thoroughly

4. Begin attending Region 4 meetings. This issue is discussed at every meeting and questions are answered
5. Register and attend the Transition TTT sessions!

### **HOW MUCH WILL THE TTT COST?**

The course fees will reflect the cost of all of the course materials, including binders and dividers for all necessary modules.

The course fee will also cover the cost of the facility and equipment use, meals and breaks both Saturday, October 23 and Sunday, October 24, 2010.

#### **Course Fees:**

Day 1 (FR to EMR) and (EMT-B to EMT) only - \$150 per student

Both Days - \$200 per student

Ambulance services subject to public call that are based and operated within Region 4 will receive information on grant funding to cover the course fees for their selected EMS educators. Grant funding is limited. Contact your agency's Service Director for grant details.

### **HOW DO I REGISTER?**

- Register immediately by completing the enclosed registration form. Fax or mail it with your check, agency purchase order or completed grant request form to the address on the registration form.
- Course limit is set at 50 students each day.
- Educators working in licensed ambulance services within the borders of Region 4 EMS will have first priority.
- Other educators will be accommodated as space allows.
- The cancellation policy is documented on the registration form and will be enforced for all attendees.
- **The absolute deadline for registration is noon, October 1, 2010.** No registrations will be accepted after that date.

### **I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS, WHAT DO I DO?**

- Attend the next Region 4 EMS meeting. See the region 4 website at <http://www.kansasemsregion4.org> for meeting dates and locations for the remainder of 2010.
- See the FAQ and documents sections of the Transition Project website at [www.kansasemstransition.com](http://www.kansasemstransition.com)
- Talk to service directors and other educators in Region 4
- Send your written questions to Region 4 at [region4ems@eaglecom.net](mailto:region4ems@eaglecom.net)

**REMEMBER – ALL Kansas certified FR; EMT; EMT-D; EMT-I and EMT-I-D must complete this process to maintain their Kansas EMS certification.**

**DO NOT FAIL TO TAKE ACTION NOW!**