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To: All EMT-Basic Course Coordinators

From: Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Program Manager
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Subject: EMT-Basic Course Updates

On Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 5:00pm, we will be hosting a meeting of all EMT-Basic Course Coordinators and Lead Instructors, in the Auditorium of the Health and Agriculture Building (intersection of Market Street and William Trent Place, Trenton, NJ). Your attendance as well as that of your Lead Instructor is strongly encouraged. Seating will be limited, so please RSVP on or before July 7th with Ms. Linda Woolverton either by phone (609-633-7777) or e-mail (Linda.Woolverton@doh.state.nj.us).

In advance of our meeting, we wanted to share with you some updates and operational changes:

- The NJ Senate passed Bill Number 2885 which would extend the certification period for our EMT-Bs to five years from the current three years. The companion bill was introduced on June 15th, in the Assembly (A4089), and referred to Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee.
- Expired EMT certifications – effective immediately, anyone with an expired NJ EMT certification, regardless of the expiration date, may regain his or her EMT-B certification by having a valid professional rescuer CPR certification, successfully completing the CORE 13 program AND scoring a 70% or greater on the NJ EMT-Basic Certification Examination
- NJAC 8:40A Regulations – The proposed amendments to 8:40A will not be adopted by the Department, given the recommendations received by the community during the open public comment period and the significant changes to business practice with the Learning Management System, the entire chapter will be rewritten to reflect current practices