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MRC Mini-Magnet

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It's Coming...

What: ADVANCED WILDERNESS LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING (AWLS)
Available to Licensed or Certified Medical Professionals

When: September 14, 15, & 16, 2007
Friday night, Saturday day, & Sunday-1/2 day

Where: Grattan Fire Department & Surrounding Forest Area
12134 Old Belding Rd, Belding, MI 48809
(616) 691-7404

The **Advanced Wilderness Life Support** certification course was originally developed at the University of Utah School of Medicine to create competence in medical professionals, enabling them to prevent and effectively manage emergency medical situations outside traditional medical facilities. During this course, participants will learn the skills to prevent medical problems, reduce suffering and save lives in non-traditional medical settings.

Kent County MRC has met the increasing demand for certification by licensing and promoting the responsible growth of the AWLS program. AWLS certification is available to anyone with a medical degree or certification including: MD, DO, RN, DDS, DPM, PA, EMT and Paramedic.

- ⇒ Learn the latest practical hands-on wilderness medical skills for patient assessment, stabilization and evacuation.
- ⇒ Practice your skills in live scenarios.
- ⇒ Work with our expert faculty including, Dr. Richard J. Hodgson, Director of Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine—Spectrum Health.
- ⇒ Earn your AWLS certification.
- ⇒ Obtain up to 17.5 lecture and practical CME or CEU hours from the State of Michigan.

The AWLS Program focuses on treatment of the most common injuries and illnesses encountered making the AWLS certification the standard in the medical industry for wilderness medicine. In addition to disaster preparedness and emergency response, the course offers intensive practical skills teaching in addition to workshops that will concentrate on hiking, biking, rafting and climbing injuries. These workshops are designed to further refine your wilderness medicine skills.

Below is the rate chart to take the class. Funding *may* be available through educational funds provided to your respective agencies or Region 6 education funds funneled through your Medical Control Authority. Additionally, participants will receive 17.5 CME's / CEU's through a combination of lecture and practical.

Type	Description	CME	Price
A	Physician (Doctoral)	17.5	\$525
B	Non-Doctoral	17.5	\$375
C	Resident/Student		\$250

For more information contact Alexanne Stone—616-451-8438 (x107) or email astone@kcems.org. To sign up complete the attached registration form on page three (3).

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Seatbelts...They're Not Just a Good Idea! By Sabrina Stone



For a number of years, Michigan (along with the rest of the country) has imposed a mandatory seatbelt law. If you are stopped by law enforcement for a traffic violation, you will receive an additional penalty for failing to wear a seatbelt (though you will not be stopped solely for a seatbelt violation). Some people complain about "having" to wear a seatbelt; others simply "buckle up" as a matter of rote, and yet others whine about a seatbelt being uncomfortable. What we don't often consider is what happens if we don't buckle up.

An acquaintance of mine was in a single car crash. Bill was not wearing a seatbelt. He was ejected from the car through the passenger's door. To look at him, you wouldn't think he was seriously injured. After all, it was only a black eye which was visible to the public. What lay underneath the visible injuries was far worse than you can imagine. Bill suffered a broken hip, broken eye socket, broken sternum, broken neck, slight bleeding on the brain, and bruised lungs.

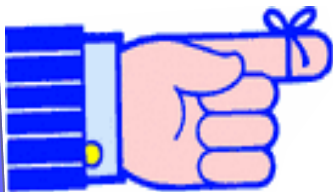
He spent 2 ½ weeks in intensive care where he was intubated so that he could receive adequate oxygen because the bruised lungs kept him from being able to breathe on his own. Surgery repaired Bill's broken hip, but that meant no walking in order to keep the weight off his hip while he healed. There was no expectation of privacy given his injuries; he couldn't even go to the bathroom unaided.

Bill's next stop was at a rehabilitation center. He had to learn to get into and out of a wheelchair and how to maneuver a wheelchair into the bathroom for showering and answering nature's call. Imagine being asked to draw a self-portrait and having your result look suspiciously like a watermelon. Sounds horrific, huh?

Now add the next stop as being in an intermediate care facility because Bill can't stay at home alone while his wife is at work, given his penchant for trying to do too much. And lest we forget, there is at least a 4 to 6 month stint in the wheelchair in order to ensure adequate healing to his body; of course, the cognitive therapy is close at hand because of the head trauma.

Consider, if you will, that a passenger wearing a seatbelt in Bill's car could have been seriously injured or even killed by the unbelted driver who suddenly and without warning became a missile with the confines of the car. Over and over, it happens and yet, so often many of us fail or simply choose to ignore a basic safety law.

Just remember...Seatbelts are not as confining as wheelchairs!



Dates to Remember...

- June 19, 2007- MRC Monthly Training/Meeting
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- July 28, 2007- Byron Bank Run
- September 8, 2007—Patriot Day Parade
- September 14-16, 2007 - AWLS
- October 27, 2007 - Disaster Theater

*"The best car
safety device is a
rear-view
mirror with a cop
in it."
-Dudley Moore*



AdventureMed, LLC™
Advanced Wilderness Life Support®
Registration Form

GRAND RAPIDS, MI CONFERENCE – September 14-16, 2007
 Grattan Township Fire Department
 12134 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809

Registration Information- Enter conference attendee’s information below. Please complete all fields including the type of registration. Contact Alexanne Stone at 616-451-8438 (x107), astone@kcems.org, if you have any questions regarding your registration.

First name _____ Last name _____

Company or employer _____

Address _____

Address 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Comments or special requests _____

Type of Registration (see codes listed below) _____

License/Certification # _____ Exp. Date _____ State _____

Type	Description	CME	Price
A	Physician (Doctoral)	17.5	\$525
B	EMT/Nurse/PA/Paramedic	17.5	\$375
C	Resident/Student		\$250

Payment method Check Money Order Credit Card

Card Type _____ Number _____ Exp Date _____

Name on Card _____

Authorization Signature _____

You may pay by check, money order, or credit card. You will receive confirmation within ten days. Make checks payable to **Kent County Medical Reserve Corps** and remit to the address listed below.

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Contact your Region 6 Liaison or MCA Administrator for possible reimbursement.

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Upcoming MRC Monthly Training & Information Meeting Dates:

- ◆ June 21
- ◆ July 26 (Vacation date change)
- ◆ August 16
- ◆ September 20
- ◆ October 18
- ◆ November 15
- ◆ December 20

6:00—8:00 pm—Kent County MRC Conference room unless otherwise announced.

Ca-Ching! \$\$

NOTE: You may be eligible for reimbursement funding for the Advanced Wilderness Life Support Class. Contact your Region 6 Liaison or Medical Control Authority Administrator for more information.

Michigan MRC Meeting

A state-wide meeting will be hosted by Isabella County's Emergency Manager, Marc Griffis, on Monday, June 11th, in the Isabella County Emergency Management Office.

Region 6 Citizen Corps Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20th, at the Montcalm Sheriff's Department in Stanton.

Reports will be published in the following week's newsletter.

These are both open meetings and you are welcome to attend. Please let Alexanne know if you'd like to ride up with her for either meeting.



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MRC Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Dates have changed from once quarterly to every 6 weeks. Please **delete** the following dates on your calendars:

Friday, June 14, 2007 & Friday, December 14, 2007

Dates based on 6 week meetings will be sent to all Executive Committee members once we have reached agreement at this Tuesday, June 5th's meeting.



We Need You on Sat. September 8, 2007!

The purpose of the Grand Rapids Jaycees Patriot Day Parade is to honor the heroes in our communities and

pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the September 11th terrorist attacks.

What: 4th Annual Grand Rapids Jaycees Patriot Day Parade
When: Saturday, September 8, 2007
Time: 10:15 AM *New time!*Theme: "Home of the Brave"
Grand Marshals: Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Marines
Parade Route: Downtown Grand Rapids - West on Fulton Street from Jefferson to Mt. Vernon Ave.

Parade information now available at www.grjaycees.org/projects/PatriotDayHome.htm.

We are honored to announce that the Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Marines will serve as this year's Grand Marshals.



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