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CAAS News - *Winter Edition*



Happy Holidays from the CAAS Staff

Wishing health and happiness to all our accredited agencies, site reviewers, and board and panel members in the new year. May you be surrounded by those you love during this special season and may you richly receive as you have given all year long to others. We hold you in our hearts now and always.

CAAS Accredits 2nd Canadian Agency and 1st in Maine

Two new agencies received accreditation, including The City of Calgary EMS in Calgary, Alberta, CANADA, and United Ambulance of Lewiston, Maine. Calgary, a large municipal agency, is CAAS' second Canadian-accredited provider, and United is the first in the state of Maine. Total accredited agencies now numbers 105.

The Panel of Commissioners granted reaccreditation to two agencies at their December 18th meeting, including Gaston EMS in Gastonia, North Carolina, and Rockingham Regional Ambulance Service of Nashua, New Hampshire.

Staff has sold more standards in 2006 than in the previous year, put approximately 50 agencies through the accreditation seminar, and sold almost 20 additional applications. 2007 should be a busy year for accreditation.

Physician Reviewers Needed

If you've noticed a slow-down in scheduling on-site reviews this fall, there is a very good explanation. CAAS is in serious need of more physician reviewers. It takes longer to schedule the physicians because of their work schedules which are made up sometimes months in advance. If you know of an active EMS physician who has a minimum of five years experience and at least two years base station experience or service as on on-line or off-line medical director for an EMS system, please call or e-mail [Meredith Hellestrae](mailto:Meredith.Hellestrae@caas.org) at CAAS headquarters. She will contact them with the prerequisite paperwork and invite them to join our review pool when qualified.

National CAAS Accreditation Process Manager Sought

The Center for Association Growth, CAAS' association management firm, is seeking to hire a National Ambulance Accreditation Process Manager. The successful candidate will receive and process applications for accreditation, including handling of initial submissions, on-site review set-ups, and liaison with reviewers, agencies, and accrediting officials to complete the accreditation cycle. The candidate must be computer and database proficient, well-organized and extremely detail-oriented as well as able to work successfully with a wide variety of people in the pre-hospital setting. The position is based in Glenview, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. Anyone interested in discussing this position should contact [Carl Wangman](mailto:Carl.Wangman@caas.org).

CAAS to Exhibit at NAEMSP 2007

Marcie McGlynn and Meredith Hellestrae will be at the CAAS exhibit booth in Naples, Florida, for the January 11th and 12th NAEMSP Annual Meeting. Held this year at the Naples Grand Resort and Club, this meeting provides a forum for discussion of cutting edge issues in pre-hospital medicine for decision makers, administrators, and medical directors who directly impact EMS systems. The CAAS Board of Directors will hold their annual in-person meeting all day Saturday, January 13th, in conjunction with this meeting.



CAAS Announces Three Board Reappointments

Staff has received word from the American Ambulance Association of Joe Penner's reappointment to another term on the CAAS Board of Directors. Joe is Executive Director of MEDIC: Mecklenburg EMS Agency in Charlotte, North Carolina, a CAAS-accredited agency.

Randy Howell has been reappointed to the CAAS Board by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Randy is EMS Division Chief for the Henderson Fire Department in Henderson, Nevada, another CAAS-accredited agency.

Dr. Bill Jermyn will continue to represent the American College of Emergency Physicians for another board term.

Dr. Jermyn serves as the State EMS Medical Director for the State of Missouri. Bill also chaired the revision committee for the IFT/SCT standards.



CAAS Agency Spotlight

The CAAS Agency Spotlight is a new online program designed to promote the quality and efficiency displayed by CAAS accredited agencies across North America. AmbuServe, Inc., of Southern California is currently being featured on the CAAS website. Please contact [Brett Wangman](#), CAAS Marketing Director, if you are interested in featuring your organization.

CAAS Meeting Schedules

. The CAAS Board of Directors will hold their annual in-person meeting on January 13th, 2007, in Naples, Florida, in conjunction with the NAEMSP 2007 Conference.

. The Panel of Commissioners will meet by teleconference in March, 2007. Date TBA.

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Questions

Would you like your CAAS accredited agency to be featured in our new CAAS Spotlight?

Is your Agency planning to seek CAAS Accreditation or Re-Accreditation in the future?

Do you have any questions about the CAAS Accreditation process or specific standards that you would like to discuss?

We would like to know if there are questions we can help answer.

Would you like our CAAS support staff to set up a time to discuss your Accreditation questions?

Feedback

If you have any comments, please input them in the area adjacent and click 'submit'.

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