Wildland Firefighter First Aid SYLLABUS

This 16 hour course focuses on prevention, assessment, and treatment of both common and life threatening injuries to wildland firefighters in their unique austere environment. Recommended course for any Type 1 or Type 2 crew member. Includes powerpoint lectures, video instruction, practicing of hands-on skills, case studies, practice quizzes, and a required final exam. Designed for those with little or dated first aid training.

.5 hour Introduction and Overview

Introductions

Goals

Wilderness and wildfire epidemiology

2 hours Assessment and Documentation

Scene assessment

Primary assessment (ABCDEs or MARCH)

airway

breathing

circulation

disability

environment

Secondary assessment

physical exam

SAMPLE

vital signs

Documenting - Medical Incident Report/9 Line

1 hour Head and Neurologic Issues

Concussions and head injuries

Lowered levels of consciousness

.75 hour Spine Issues and Patient Movement

Spinal Issues

Spine Assessment

Improvised Spinal Protection

1.25 hour Patient Movement

Team log roll Solo log roll Beaming

.5 hour Circulatory Issues

Shock

Cardiac issues including heart attacks

.5 hour Respiratory Issues

Trauma Asthma Anaphylaxis .5 hour Abdominal Issues

Anatomy Trauma Illnesses

2 hours Musculoskeletal and Orthopedic Injuries

Splinting

SAM splints

improvised splinting

buddy splinting and slings

arms/shoulders

legs

pelvic binding

Pain management

2 hours Wounds and Burns

Stopping bleeding Wound cleaning

Dressings and bandages

Tourniquets

Burns

Shock review

.5 hour Cold injury

Hypothermia prevention and recognition

Hypothermia wraps

.5 hour Heat Related Issues

Heat exhaustion Heat Stroke

.5 hour Lightning

Prevention Treatment

.25 hour Altitude

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.5 hour Bites, Stings, & Toxins

Bites Stings Plant toxins

2 hours Scenarios

.75 hour Final Exam and Student Evaluation