

To: All EMS Agencies

Subject: Farm Safety / FarmMedic course

Group,

FarmMedic - A couple of recent meetings have suggested there may be interest in conducting a FarmMedic Course in the county. Please kick it around your agency to see if there are EMTs who want to take the course. Cost of the course is usually \$45 per student. There may be additional cost if the host department serves lunch. The course usually runs Friday evening, all day Saturday and most of Sunday. There are other ways to schedule the hours required, but this seems to be the most popular. Let JCEMS know how many people are interested and if your agency would like to host the course. JCEMS will need to know who is interested by the end of April to schedule a course in late May or June.

Farm Safety – Many EMS and Fire agencies tour manufacturing facilities in their service areas annually to familiarize their personnel with specific hazards in those facilities. Unfortunately, farms are often taken for granted and, although we often forget, there are many hazards we need to be aware of on any farm. Short of taking the whole FarmMedic course, a farm tour may be a good idea. If you agency would like to arrange a tour of a farm in your service area, please contact Art Badermen at Cornell Cooperative Extension. Art's number is 788-8450, ext. 252.

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