

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Students Proposing Program

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OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

The Emergency Services Program is dedicated to providing an atmosphere of support and continued learning to students interested in the fields of emergency services. Shared interests include emergency medicine, emergency management, law enforcement as well as professional fire fighting. Lifeguards, CPR instructors and various types of first responders are examples of past program members. Students in the program will learn more about the demands and sacrifices that people in this field accept and endure. They will connect with others and build upon their own skills through presentations, observation and hands-on training. Emphasis will be placed on the skills and attitudes that are required of emergency service providers.

All students planning to live on campus with an interest or curiosity for this field are encouraged to apply. This program has housed a diverse group of students in years past – ranging from certified EMTs and individuals FFI certification to those who have no experience in this field. Most students have benefited greatly from the opportunities found in this program. First year students interested in applying to this program are welcomed to contact the program directors for more information.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Learning Objective 1:

Professional skills development through training.

Action Steps:

- All program members will acquire healthcare provider level CPR certification by the end of the first semester. The program will pay for these certifications. All members are required to maintain their CPR certification throughout the school year. First semester/ongoing; Professional Rescuer CPR course through the American Red Cross costs approximately \$110 per person, a reduced rate will be available through the program lead course.
 - We will be proposing a trial CPR program in which one of our program members who is a certified CPR instructor will lead the courses to certify our members. If successful, we will offer this course to the larger university community during second semester.
- Program members interested in the emergency medical services are encouraged to enroll in the EMT-Basic course offered at UVM. Current Vermont EMTs in the program will help members in the course complete their skills worksheets. (Ongoing; no cost)
- If interested, program members will connect with area volunteer fire and rescue squads to gain membership. Program directors, advisors, and other members of the program can help to facilitate this process by introducing different options. (Ongoing; no cost)

Learning Objective 2:

Building an awareness of the various types of emergency service personnel and the resources they provide to our community. Awareness of Social Justice Issues will also be explored and discussed as they relate to our field.

Action Steps:

- Program members will attend tours of different emergency service centers. Specifically, a rescue station, fire station, police station, and the U.S. Coast Guard base on Lake Champlain. (Two tours during first semester, two tours during second semester; no cost)
- All program members will assist the campus fire marshal and the Burlington Fire Department with residential hall fire drills, if needed. (First semester; no cost)
- Program members will help publicize Q&A sessions with local, experienced emergency service providers to the university community. Panels of firefighters, EMTs, police officers and potentially other emergency response providers will be present for an open discussion with students about the demands of their careers and how to potentially become involved. (Three/four presentations throughout the year; we'd like to purchase food for these presentations, costing approximately \$15 per presentation, \$45 for the year)
- Social Justice discussions will also be held following Program Director seminars.
- Program members will plan a movie night for the university community. A showing of a movie/documentary pertaining to the emergency services will be played in the fireplace lounge for others to come and watch. May potentially collaborate with another L/L program such as "Food for Thought" to provide snacks at the movie. (Second semester; no cost, potential cost for the "Food for Thought" program to purchase snacks)
- The two program directors will facilitate one service project to benefit the larger university and Burlington community. One proposed idea is to distribute pink medical gloves in recognition of breast cancer awareness. These gloves would be distributed to local rescue squads, fire services as well as law enforcement agencies. (Second Semester; estimated \$50 for learning objective 2)

Learning Objective 3:

Building of a team atmosphere.

Action Steps:

- Program members will attend bi-weekly meetings where we will discuss upcoming program projects/events, current news/issues in the emergency services as well as progress members are making in their training. (Biweekly, ongoing; no cost)
- As a program, we would like to be identifiable at different events. T-shirts will be made with the emergency services program emblem and paid for by the program budget. Program members will collaborate to brainstorm the design for the t-shirts. (First semester; \$10 per shirt, estimated \$140 for 14 shirts to be given to 12 members and 2 program advisors)
- Through team projects, pairs of program members will research and present with some visual aid (related video/movie, news article, poster, etc) about some aspect of the emergency services. Program members may choose to present on a current events issue pertaining to the field, may introduce a new skill they have learned in their training, or provoke a discussion about a particular issue they see in this field (i.e. car accidents due to drunk driving). Options for this project are boundless but MUST be approved by the program directors. The focus of this project is to keep members well versed in the diverse field of emergency services while strengthening public speaking and leadership skills. (Ongoing, members will present on a rotating schedule each month; costs variable per project and limited to art supplies, responsibility of program members to provide)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Composed of a group of students dedicating to helping others in need, the emergency services program will focus heavily on community service. Projects will include:

- Volunteering at blood drives on campus
- Volunteering at the end of semester bike rides on campus
- Promoting the importance of campus fire safety through assisting with the annual residential hall fire drills, assisting our fire marshal with the fire safety demonstrations during Greek Week and setting up an informative table at the Davis Center.
 - At the start of second semester, program members will stress the importance of fire safety in off campus residences, as many students will be looking at off campus living for the following year. This will be done either through an informative table outside the Davis Center or at the off-campus living workshops
- Program members are expected to contribute at least 10 hours of community service a semester. Time spend working on program activities will be counted towards the semester community service requirement. It is expected that students with membership on a local rescue or fire squad will exceed the time requirement of their squad.

PLANNING TIMELINE

See attached planning timeline of scheduled program activities.

PROGRAM ADVISORS

Jim Buell (jim.buell@uvm.edu)

A past program advisor, Mr. Buell is a Captain with the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department and passionate about educating others about the importance of fire safety. He is eager and motivated to help us execute projects as a program and is willing to assist us when necessary. He is excited to introduce new projects for the program if the proposal is accepted for the 2010-2011 school year.

John Marcus (john.marcus@uvm.edu)

The administrative coordinator of the risk management department at UVM, Mr. Marcus comes with much experience in the field of EMS. Retiring as a battalion chief from the Burlington Fire Department after more than 20 years of service, he has served as an excellent program advisor in the past and is eager to work with us next year. He is very supportive of our projects and appreciates the time we dedicate towards helping him connect with the student body.

PROGRAM SUITES

Anticipating the composition of the emergency services program next year, we plan on accepting at least 12 students, hopefully finding an equal balance between males and females. We would like to request two six-person suites. They will be co-ed or single sex dependent upon the demographics of our applicant pool. Reflecting on the suite set-up this year, we request that the suites are placed on the same floor so to encourage more interaction between program members of different suites.

PLANS FOR INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER L/L PROGRAMS

At least once next year we would like to present a movie to the L/L and greater university community about the emergency services. We would like to collaborate with the “Food for Thought” program to provide healthy snacks to our viewers. We might also be able to collaborate with the “Interpreting Film” program in choosing the movie and discussing the movie in greater depth after.

We might also look into working with the “Wilderness Adventure and Naturalist Skills” program to discuss/teach basic first aid that is taught to wilderness first responders. More opportunities for interactions with other L/L Programs we hope will arise once we meet the other program directors and understand more of the goals of the other L/L programs.

PROGRAM MEMBER RECRUITMENT

In recruiting members for the 2010-2011 year, a few of the members of this year’s emergency services program have expressed interest in living in the program again next year. We plan on reaching out to potential new members through contact with incoming first year students via discussions on Facebook “UVM Class of 2015” groups.

We will be more vocal, talking with other UVM undergrads that might be interested in pursuing a career in the emergency services or already are involved. We hope to be able to expand our program size with new faces that bring fresh ideas to our team.

It will also be a priority to become more involved with the L&L community through tabling for events as well as working in collaboration with other programs.

BUDGET

- Money for T-shirts
 - \$140 for 14 shirts (12 members + 2 program advisors)
- Gift cards to UVM Bookstore or Visa gift cards for program advisors
 - \$25 per card = \$50 for 2 program advisors
- Money for food at guest speaker events
 - \$15 per event = \$45 (3 events)
- Emergency scanner
 - \$100 replacement fee

Program Time Line 2011-2012

August

Conference Call with Program Leadership Team to discuss new roles of returning members
PD orientation
R.A. Fire Safety Demonstration
Welcome Meeting

September

Fire Drills
Initiative to stop Texting while Driving Introduction Event

Sponsor Blood Drive

October

Program-related field trip to be determined

Organization of Spring Semester meeting

Canned food drive

November

Movie Event

December

End of semester bike ride volunteering

Gift Exchange

2012-2013 Pre-Planning

January

Welcome Meeting

February

Texting While Driving Initiative

March

Sponsor Blood Drive

April

Member Recruitment

Admitted Student Days

May

Plan Ahead for 2012-2013