

Alberta Health Services Looking to Support Medical First Response

The following has been provided by Alberta Health Services for AAMDC Members.

Has your Fire Department connected with Alberta Health Services (AHS)? The Alberta Health Services Medical First Response (MFR) Program has been making progress developing resources and supporting MFR agencies responding prior to or alongside EMS. AHS have more supports planned in the future and in order to move forward with these initiatives, they need the participation of all fire departments that are currently responding to medical events.

The Alberta MFR Program is ending a twenty-month agency enrolment phase on **December 1st 2016** for all existing medical first response agencies. If they haven't already connected with AHS, they are seeking a reply from every fire department in the province confirming your choice to participate in the MFR Program and continue responding to medical events after December 1, 2016.

Enrolment in the MFR Program is easy, fully supported by knowledgeable staff and in many cases can be completed in under 30 minutes. Fire departments that do not respond automatically to medical events are also invited to enroll in order to access valuable supports for responder training and equipment.

A list of currently enrolled departments is available [here](#). Many others are currently in the process of enrolment.

AHS is asking for the support of municipal leaders to work with their staff to ensure they have received feedback for your respective communities. Please contact AHS if you have any questions by email at mfr@ahs.ca.

Important Date: December 1st, 2016 - Deadline to enroll for agencies currently responding to medical events

All agencies that wish to participate automatically in medical events must be registered with Alberta MFR by December 1, 2016. The deadline ensures all agencies that respond to medical emergencies before EMS arrives meet the provincial standards and are part of the MFR network for sharing information.

AHS is responsible for the delivery of patient care across Alberta. The MFR Program was built in consultation with stakeholders, all with a common goal to ensure patient care delivered prior to the arrival of EMS is coordinated, safe and includes a minimum of Standard First Aid and CPR. The MFR framework designed to be flexible, structured, simple and to provides value to MFR agencies who care for patients under the 9-1-1 model.

To read more about the Alberta Health Services Values & Strategies click the link [here](#).

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