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MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINING STAFF AND STUDENTS TRAIN WITH SALINE COUNTY EMS

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After a busy morning of cleaning, reorganizing, and pictures the Missouri Valley College ATEP staff and Athletic Training Students survived the 2-mile trip to the Saline County Ambulance District main office in Marshall. The purpose of this trip was to interact with the EMT's, share ideas, and practice a teamed approach to emergency care with the hope of decreasing confusion and potential errors between the two departments.

This summer the Missouri Valley ATEP faculty wanted to add something different to the annual training the Athletic Training Students undergo. The idea was presented to see if we could take the Athletic Training Students to the ambulance district and train our spineboarding, splinting, and emergency protocols with the EMT's. "We have been doing essentially the same in-service training program the past few years with our Athletic Training Students and we wanted to make it different; both for us and them," explained Head Athletic Trainer Matt Rowlett. The phone call was placed and arrangements were made.

The Missouri Valley College ATEP specifically wanted to interact with the Saline County Ambulance District as EMT's from this office are the ones which respond when the Missouri Valley College Athletic Training staff makes the determination that an athlete, coach, official, spectator, or fan needs advanced life support and transportation to Fitzgibbon hospital rapidly. "The end-goal of this day was to get on the same page with the ambulance district," said Rowlett. "With Marshall being a small community, when we call for advanced life support and transportation we know who will show up. The time spent today will help both sides know what the other has done or will do which allows for improvements in the care of the patient."

This was also a good opportunity for the Athletic Training Students to learn from other health care providers and practice their spineboarding and emergency procedures in a different environment, be exposed to materials which Missouri Valley College currently does not possess, understand EMT procedures and medications which may be utilized, while broadening their horizons, getting out of their traditional environment, and touring the new facilities which the Saline County Ambulance District operates from.

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“Wade Kelling, the director of operations, put together a terrific presentation,” explained Jennifer McConnell Assistant Athletic Trainer. “Him and his crew helped the Athletic Training Students with their spineboarding and emergency skills and explained what they do in different situations.”

“I liked learning about the next step in the medical continuum,” expressed Josh Lammert, Missouri Valley College ATSO President. “I know what our capabilities are and now I feel I better understand what will occur when we call for advanced life-support.”

With the success of this day it is the hope of the Missouri Valley College ATEP to make this an annual event on the in-service training calendar. Some pictures are included at the end of this article. Look for others to be added to our photo gallery.

We thank Wade Kelling and the Saline County Ambulance District for allowing us to come and interact with them.

Yes, an Athletic Training Student asked to hear the siren and see the flashing lights.

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