



REGION - E

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As the riding season winds down, it is now time for all MFA® instructors to begin planning for the 09 riding season and get your chapter classes in place. To date we have only occasionally encountered a conflict in getting kits or instructors in place. Good preplanning avoids those incidents and the emergencies that they cause.

2008 has been a banner year for Region-E. Because of the efforts of every single instructor and the dedication of the District MFA® Coordinators, Region E moved to NUMBER 1 in training. Even as late as last night, I received another class roster which shows there is never a bad time to educate, just that some times are better than others.

2009 will see some major policy changes coming to REGION E. Early in January, each District will receive a portion of the MFA fund based on the 2008 training. Every district will receive at least \$100 to start 2009. The District Directors are urged to use this money only for the MFA® Program in their District. That is to pay for movement of the kits, any reimbursement that is due and to promote MFA® within their District.

With this program, the Region will no longer reimburse for gas or other expenses. Those expenses should be sent to whomever the District Director names, preferably the District MFA® Coordinator. REGION WILL however continue to supply the books and supplies for the MFA classes as it has in the past. This will require even tighter communication between District Coordinators and the Region E MFA Trainer/Coordinator.

Larry Stiles and I are working with the MFA database to ensure that the data is correct. Each instructor who is due to renew in 2009 will be informed of their expiration date by December 15th, which will give each person sufficient time to avoid expiration.

Region E Directors Dave & Gwen Carter along with Pat & I want to again extend our thanks for what you have done in 2008. Until this year we had been number 2 to Region D who had worked very hard to reach the top. This year Region E worked even harder to get the training to more of our members than ever before and by the way, we also managed to help save a few lives along the way. Thank you all for your time, efforts and dedication to Region E & MFA®

CPR/FIRST AID UPDATE

(Excerpt from November 2008 Rider Ed Newsletter)

“Our MEDIC FIRST AID program is now on the website. All Region Trainer/MFA Coordinators have the new password and now can order all their equipment from MFA online. All trainers now can go online and view all their instructors to see if they are current and those who we need to be deleted. We will be working to have everything up to date on who show current and those who we need to delete. We will be sending out the renewal forms for all instructors due to renew in January 2009. The trainers and instructors can now view all the orders being placed through MFA. All renewals will now be done on the month the instructor was certified. This helps the Regions and Districts who pay the fees of those MFA instructors who make the effort to help their membership in the area and at Wing Ding. This will help reduce the cost for these Regions and Districts since they no longer have to pay a fee in one big lump sum. This is a positive change and we are looking forward to the updating of all instructors and the clean up of our roster so all Regions and National files coincide. We want to thank all the Region MFA Trainers for their efforts to get these records updated.

We are entering the season when classes are scheduled and our membership training in CPR/First Aid begins. We look forward to receiving all the class rosters to see which Region is going to be number one. At this time every Region is doing a great job training our membership and it will be interesting to see what the numbers will show in January of the total classes taught in 2008. So far, Region E is number ONE in total classes taught and students trained. Region D and Region N are closing in. Regions A, F, H, and B are showing great improvement in getting their regions moving in this life saving program. We congratulate all Region trainers and Instructors for their continued efforts in training our membership. Remember, we have a new program for all CPR/First Aid instructors in all approved CPR/First Aid organizations. All these instructors need to do is send us a copy of their current instructor card and we will send them a GWRRA CPR/First Aid Instructor Card. Several instructors have sent us forms with their card numbers on the form; however, we MUST receive a copy of their card for our records. Looking forward to announce the first instructor to apply.

Know CPR/First Aid~it May Save A Life.

Larry & Ronda Stiles
Director CPR/First Aid Programs

The Rider Education Staff wish all of you an enjoyable Thanksgiving.”

2009 Policy & Procedure Changes

2009 Region E will begin sharing the proceeds from our MFA® classes with the districts. Once all of the 2008 classes are completed and all expenses processed, 50% of the funds will be divided among the Districts based on the number of classes taught and the number of members trained.

The Districts are urged to use this money to maintain the MFA® program in their District. This would include the expenses incurred in moving the kits within the district and those incurred by the instructors.

There are no changes to the existing procedures of setting up the class, submission of the class roster and payment of the class fees. These will continue to be sent to the Region as they have in the past. Region E will continue to purchase MFA® Student Guides as well as the supplies for each kit.

In 2008 we trained just over 300 people throughout the Region and in doing so documented the saving of at least 4 lives that we know of and that is with training less than 1% of the Region population. Imagine how many lives we could possibly save if we reached just 5% of our Region population.

The new Policy & Procedures will be published on the Region E website after January 1, 2009. A copy will be mailed directly to each instructor for their reference. Any questions should be directed to the Region E MFA® Trainer/Coordinator or to the Region E Director.

We want to thank you for an outstanding job in 2008 and we look forward to an even better 2009.

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Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Earl & Pat Hobbs
Region E MFA® Trainer/Coordinator