

August 29, 2009 – Carol Bullard, ASMI Lead instructor

Well, we teach the class "hope you never have to use it" Today, while teaching the ASMI class in High Point, NC, we had a student to pass out. I was teaching on the 4 different motorcycle accident situations, Head On, Angular, Laying the Bike down, and Ejection. I was on the slide with the illustration of the head and spine, and I heard a thud, I thought someone had kicked a chair, and I said "did someone fall?" I walked over to the table and the student was out COLD. I did say "hey Patrick, are you ok"? After no response, I said someone call 911. After stimulating him, he did open his eyes and starting responding. Not knowing if he had hit his head during the fall (he was against the wall) I had one of the students hold C spine, while I tried to work with him. Randy (the new ASMI instructor that was observing us!) assisted with patient care (taking a BP, etc). The students "found their jobs" Some, moved the tables, One was on the phone with 911, the others waited outside for the EMS unit. He came to and wanted to sit up, he was conscious, and then became alert and oriented within a few seconds. He was PROFUSELY diaphoretic. He denied being diabetic, just stated he was on BP medications and did take his meds this am. I felt this was a medical situation and not a "head" issue, so we did let him sit up. I grabbed a PACT card out of one of the student packets and wrote down all the information. Fire Department showed up and when they walked in, they said: Why did you call us? Ya'll look like you have it under control! When EMS arrived, they attached the LifePac (EKG) and did a blood glucose level - 131. He felt fine, but EMS, Randy and I encouraged him to go, but he didn't want to. EMS and FD were impressed with how we had the situation under control and had the PACT card completed with vital signs. We were able to tell them what we were teaching and why. They were impressed! We were able to get the student to a quiet room, and then continued with the class. He later went home. I did talk to him and strongly urged him to call his physician or make an appointment for Monday.

When it initially happened, Mark had stepped out to use the bathroom, and came out and saw what was happening one of the students thought we had "planned" this- We told them this was the real thing and NOT planned! It goes without saying; you don't know how soon you will use the information!

Randy did an outstanding job during the emergency and I feel very confident with his skills to teach ASMI!