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John Punches
ASRC Training Officer
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Dear Mr. Punches:

SUBJECT: **New Training Officer for AMRG**

As you no doubt know, Dave Knorr has resigned as
AMRG's Group Training Officer. Michael S. Yee, EMT-P,
a professional Pittsburgh paramedic and long-time AMRG
member, has agreed to replace him. Mr. Yee is the only
qualified member who is available to take the post at
this time. Warren Shaulis, EMT-P, has agreed to assist
him as Group Training Coordinator.

We would like to ask the Board of Directors to
approve Mr. Yee in this post. Mr. Yee is currently
only a FTM, but has been functioning at the FTL and
even at the IS level for the past two years, but since
there has not been a formal AMRG practical test during
this time, he has been unable to upgrade his certifi-
cation level. One of his first priorities is to set up
such a practical test, preferably in conjunction with
SMRG and MSAR. He is also working on setting up a
joint multi-weekend FTM class with SMRG and MSAR, and
may wish to schedule the test after this class, to max-
imize the usefulness of the test. Nonetheless, speak-

ing as an ex-Group Training Officer who has worked
closely with Mr. Yee for several years, I believe he
meets the FTL requirement for a GTO _de facto_ if not _de
jure_, and I ask the Board to grant a temporary excep-
tion to the FTL certification in this specific situa-
tion.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Keith Conover, M.D.

AMRG ASRC Delegate

cc: AMRG Chairman, ASRC Chairman, Mr. Yee, Mr.
        Shaulis

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