## NORTH VALLEY DISTRICT 2008 FIRST AID MEET

## Frostbite & Hypothermia

Scenario: While hiking on the Appalachian Trail near the Life Trail, a cold front comes in and the temperatures drop. Snow and sleet begins to fall during the hike. When the patrol gets to a cabin, one scout complains of numb toes, ears, and fingers. He is also shivering. Upon examining the scout's extremities the patrol leader finds that the scout's toes, ears, and fingers are whitish gray in appearance.

The patrol has a cell phone available and has good reception.

Only the patrol leader and the Scout(s) that call for help may speak to the judge.

ACTION TAKEN	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS EARNED
CALLING FOR HELP	25 Max pts	
1. The Scout tells what happened		
a. The scout has mild hypothermia	5	
<ul> <li>b. The scout has frostbite of the toes, ears, and fingers.</li> </ul>	5	
3. The Scout gives location as being at a cabin on the Appalachian Trail near the Life Trail and/or says he will meet rescuers at a specific location.	5	
4. The Scout explains what is being done		
a. The patient is being warmed	5	
5. The Scout hangs up last, when judge says OK	5	
HYPOTHERMIA TREATMENT PROCEDURE	40 Max pts	
<ol> <li>The patient is given warm liquids to drink (soup, fruit juices, water are acceptable; no caffeine or alcohol).</li> </ol>	10	
2. The patient's wet clothing is removed.	10	
3. The patrol gets the patient into warm clothes, or wraps the person in blankets, clothing, or anything handy that could be used, like jackets or a sleeping bag.	5	
<ol> <li>The patrol wraps towels around water bottles filled with Warm fluids and places them in the armpit and groin areas.</li> </ol>	5	
5. The patrol monitors the patient closely for any change in condition.	5	
<ol> <li>The patrol <u>did not</u> rewarm the person too quickly (for Instance, by immersing the person in warm water.)</li> </ol>	5	
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FROSTBITE TREATMENT PROCEDURE	35 Max pts	
1. The frostbitten area is re-warmed by any of the		
following:		
(a) Exposing the area to warm water until normal	5	
color returns and it feels warm.		
(b) The area is loosely bandaged.	5	
(c) The hands are placed under the victim's armpits	5	
or the rescuer's armpits.		
(d) The ears are warmed by a rescuer taking his	5	
gloves off and using his hands to warm the		
patient's ears.		
(e) The toes are warmed by placing them on the	5	
belly of a rescuer to warm them or by the hands		
of the rescuer.		
2. The frostbitten area is not rubbed or massaged.	10	
	100	
TOTAL POINTS	100	

JUDGE'S NAME (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE'S AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_