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Training for Life.

Last fall with the help of some members of ABATE Region 2B and the law office of Eisenberg, Weigel, Carlson, Blau & Clemens, S.C., the Kaukauna-Vandenbroek EMS held their first mock motorcycle accident training ever.

A number of issues in this exercise left us wondering if we couldn't do better. To be fair, it was a surprise of major proportion and catastrophe and only a very few at the top knew there was going to be an exercise. A drunk driver crossing the centerline, going head first into a pack of motorcyclists on a country highway. The carnage was overwhelming, deaths and major injuries, injured bikers walking away from the scene in a daze and a few people with attitudes insisting the EMS responders be aware of vital information they had collected. The debriefing, subsequent meetings and pictures gave the EMS Departments much to work on and work on it they did. After months of policy and procedure updating, they were ready to be tested again.



On Saturday, June 17th, 2006 we put them to that test. The scene; a party at the end of a dead end road. The culprit; a young drunk, hot rod driver in a car. After rear ending a biker with his daughter just arriving for the party, he barrels through the barricade of car and truck. Proceeding to take out individuals, adult and child, finally coming to a stop after rolling over the parked motorcycles (represented by bicycles).

ABATE region 2B, the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) and town residents made up the cast of victims. The responders were; volunteer EMS departments of Kaukauna - Vandenbroek and the town of Freedom, Gold Cross Ambulance and Theda Star Rescue helicopter and crew. All of whom deserve much appreciation for their hard work to make this happen.



We lined the mock training exercise with surprises and pitfalls. A propane tank with a leak, a diabetic becoming dazed and combative. Even a bystander who came to see what was going on and went down with a major heart attack. I walked through the scenes taking pictures and evaluating performance as did Jenny (Gold Cross Ambulance) and Scott (Kaukauna-Vandenbroek Fire & Rescue). I was so proud of our victims, each with symptoms to be acted out. Some road in

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