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EMT Course Now Available at MCC

<u>MILES CITY, MONTANA</u>: Miles Community College is now offering an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course held on the Miles City campus. This course is open to both credit and non-credit students looking to fulfill requirements for paramedicine programs along with those looking to earn their EMT certification to work or volunteer in their own communities.

This 15-week course will offer students the opportunity to learn about emergency situations and participate in real-life scenarios for a hands-on learning experience. The course will be offered as a blended class, where students are able to do some of the learning/lectures online. The remaining instruction and labs will be held in-person every Saturday beginning January 23.

MCC is partnering with Whiteline Consulting and Training, a Montana based company owned by John Carlbom, who has 27 years working in Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Carlbom and his team of instructors will be teaching the class directly on the MCC campus in a newly renovated space in the Votech building, located directly across the street from Lucas Hall.

"I am beyond excited to team up with Miles Community College and provide another option for people looking to get into emergency medicine," commented Carlbom. "Our course is full of skills and realistic scenarios to better prepare students. I've been teaching for last 25 years across Montana and am excited to bring this program to MCC!"

The new EMT course will also serve as a pre-requisite for the Paramedicine program at Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC). MCC has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the college to allow students to complete courses and pre-requisites through MCC before applying for the year-long Paramedicine program at FVCC. Once accepted, those paramedicine students will be able to finish the program completely through MCC.

"We are excited to bring EMT and Paramedicine opportunities to Eastern Montana," says Dr. Rita Kratky, MCC Vice President of Academic Affairs. "It's wonderful to be able to serve the smaller and rural communities of this region to allow for additional reliable medical services in their local areas."

Registration for the course is still available by calling 406-874-6100 or visiting www.milescc.edu/apply. Classes begin Saturday, January 23.

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