

EQUIP Platforms 2014

Alec Girtten

Hello, my name is Alec Girtten, and I am running for the position of equipment manager. Even though I have only been an active member of R/C MERT since last fall, I am running for the executive board to help lead the organization that has been a great part of my college experience so far. I am anxious to serve the organization and I feel that I could do an incredible job managing the equipment that is so vital for our success. My recent selection as member of the month, and my dedication to the organization so far makes me believe that I would do a great job on the next E-Board.

If elected to the position of equipment manager, I would implement the following platform. First, I would make various improvements to our new bunkroom. These improvements would include new comforters or blankets for the beds, and adding some sort of entertainment system to the bunk room. The next step that I would take, in light of recent events with expiring medicine and equipment shortages, is creating a low supplies notification system. This system would include working with the new QA/QI coordinator and ADO to reprogram the EMS charts charting system to send me an email about what equipment was reported to have been used by the crew during each call. I would then use this information in tandem with the current inventory report to calculate how much equipment is left and to know when to order more supplies. I would also work with the next webmaster to add a digital equipment used form to the website and upcoming mobile application, so that crews can report equipment shortages or problems directly to me, rather than simply writing the problem on the whiteboard in the office. Third, I would set up a reminder system for the inventory spreadsheet that notifies me when a medication gets near its expiration date, so that there is no time period where that medication is not available to crews. If elected, I would also work to order new small and medium sized uniforms, so that current members and next year's new members have appropriately sized uniforms for when they are on duty. Finally, I would again work with all of the future members of E Board to institute the use of the 801/802 standardized call information card that I made and the 803 time and vitals card that was created by Vicky Koukoulas. With these standardized cards, the process of collecting and transferring relevant patient care information will be much more efficient and accurate.

By following this platform, I feel confident that I would be able to help lead River Campus MERT to a successful year. Thank you for considering me for the next equipment manager.

Klemens Gowin

Hi everyone! My name is Klemens Gowin, and I'm interested in running for the Equipment Manager position. I believe strongly in what MERT does on campus, and that's providing emergency medical service to the student body. I think that an important part of that service is the equipment we use, which is why the Equipment Manager position is so important. I believe that I'd be a good candidate for this position because I'm well organized and able to stay on top of a busy schedule. As Equipment Manager, I will strive to keep MERT's equipment stocked and updated so that we can provide the best service possible. I'm new to MERT, but I love it and I want to continue giving back. I plan on carrying on previous projects and helping E-Board with whatever new initiatives are brought up. I hope that you will consider me for Equipment Manager.

Henry Klos

My name is Henry and I am running for the position of equipment manager. I have been a member of MERT since my sophomore year, and am currently a cleared crew chief. Equipment is a very important part of allowing an EMS agency to function. If elected to the position, I will make sure that we have all of the proper equipment restocked. I will also keep the budget updated to see if we can continue to get new equipment as we have with the new BP cuffs and new stethoscopes. In addition to this, I plan on updating all of the equipment forms to make sure that all of the equipment we carry can be checked off in its proper place. My organizational skills will allow me to keep track of all the equipment in the stock room, as well as keep track of when the medications expire so that MERT will always carry equipment and medications that are up to date. Lastly, I will continue to update our new bunk room to make sure it feels as welcoming as it should for our night shift crews. As a member of E-board, I will use my vote in the best interest of this agency's future. I hope you will consider me for the position.

Brian Miers

Hello, my name is Brian Miers and I am running for the position of Equipment Manager. Even though I am new to MERT, I have taken every opportunity possible to be an active member. I am currently enrolled in the EMT Class, have attended many MERT events and in-services, tried to be on as many committees as possible, attend E-Board meetings (when they do not conflict with the EMT Class), have earned the Member of the Month Award, and now I am running for the position of Equipment Manager. I believe I am prepared to be the Equipment Manager because I have a lot of experience managing equipment from serving in similar positions in scouts, as stage manager in high school, and at my job at the Rochester Museum & Science Center. Over the last few months, Joe Tocha and Jan Callens have been training me on how to effectively serve in the position of Equipment Manager. I have also been assisting Joe with his duties, including helping with the equipment inventory for the past two months.

If elected to the position of Equipment Manager, I would:

- Attend check out at least twice a week to address any equipment needs right then and to see what equipment is needs to be restocked or resupplied.
- Replace the sling that the Crew Chief has to carry with a more comfortable and professional looking backpack that would better protect the equipment.
- Inventory and organize the equipment located in the Spurrier Office.
- Continue renovating the new bunkroom.
- Work with Public Safety to get better radios.
- Make sure that there are 803 Timecards.
- Work with the Training Department to help them organize and inventory the training equipment.
- Update the equipment section of the NMOP training presentation.
- Work with the Training and PR Departments to make sure that they have all the equipment that they need for an event.
- Work with the Webmaster to make it possible for people to e-mail the Equipment Manager directly from the Equipment tab on the MERT Website.
- Always be available to answer any questions or concerns regarding equipment (especially during checkout).
- Work with Sharon to make sure she has all the necessary equipment for the EMT Certification Class.
- Listen to any suggestions that you guys may have about equipment or ideas to improve the organization as a whole.

I may be a new member of MERT, but I am dedicated to MERT and will be an active member of MERT until the day I graduate. I feel that my prior experience managing equipment, my organized and hardworking personality, and my passion for MERT will allow me to best serve you as the Equipment Manager.