

## MACT NOTES FROM THE JULY, 2016, CONVENTION

### **FIRST AID**

- Be Prepared—Have a good, recently stocked first aid kit, know CPR—and compression-only works
- Have an AED
- Have a good plan—labels on roads, designated people to guide responders, designated callers
- Good Samaritan laws protect people who try to help who do not expect to receive compensation
- Consent—People have the right to refuse
- Scene safety: assess hazards; do not be the next victim. Assess the situation before you try to help
- PPE—gloves, CPR masks or pocket masks
- Assess the patient: check for bleeding; roll onto side and make sure the mouth and nose are not blocked
- No pulse: check for pulse with your index and second finger
- Compression-only CPR: firm, flat surface, nipple line on sternum, compress to “Stayin’ Alive” about 100 per minute. Compress at 2” – 2.4” There is a tool. Children about 1.75 to 2 in. Infant: 1/3 depth of chest w/ 2 fingers or your thumbs. Do not interrupt the compressions. On adults use your whole upper body. Compression-only works because of the atmospheric concentration of O<sub>2</sub>
- AED: There are different size pads for adults and children. To use adult pads on kids, put one pad on the back. What you need is a dry spot on the patient. The AED will talk to you and tell you what to do. You can still do compressions until the machine is ready to discharge. Make sure you and everyone is clear of the patient and do what the machine says to do.
- Bleeding control: direct pressure, put a second pad over the top of the pad that’s already there. Wet blood to wet blood is the most “sure” form of disease transmission. Gloves, baggies.
- Amputation: stop the bleeding, find the appendage, wrap in a towel, then plastic and put on ice.
- Impaling—leave the object in and get help immediately.
- Open abdominal—moist cover and get help immediately.
- In the eyes—if there is impaling, stabilize the injured eye, then make sure BOTH eyes are covered.
- Chemicals in the eyes—rinse from nose to ear, low pressure minimum 15 min.
- Allergic Reaction—Get help. As calm as you and they can be. Help then use their own epi pen
- Heat Exhaustion—hope they’re sweating. Isotonic solutions internally, but not cold. If they’re dry soak ‘em and use ice packs or at least cold packs in the arm pits and groin.

### Discussion:

Use of epi-pen: they are a prescription. Because of federal and state laws it is illegal to give it to anyone to whom it is not prescribed.

Mouth-to-mouth is not recommend unless you have the valve-type mask and the training to use it.

AED machines do need to be checked. They have a very long shelf life for their lithium batteries.

Contact your local EMS/fire dept. about acquiring an AED.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE CHECK-OFF REPORT**

The board members serve a 3 year rotation. They have to have a farm that sells more than 500 trees per year. *Get the vision and mission statements from the promotion board website. Also the board, committees, etc.*

5 committees governance finance industry relations, .

Growers who do not pay the fee for their "more than 500 trees" will get a bill for their 15 cents per tree plus interest.

This group partners with NCTA on promotion. One of the promotion group will have \$1.25 million [Concept Farm—a firm that does social media advertising] "It's Christmas. Let's keep it real. This will really be done big through social media. Appeals through nostalgia and the sense that real trees really are greener [in every way] than artificial ones

#### **BY-PRODUCT USE—WREATH-MAKING AND MORE.**

Walter Knoll [Noll???) Florist O'Fallon, MO Paula Sedberry

Mix the greens on a wreath. Same-old, same-old does sell, but we need to have some of the "my, that's different" as well. Metal cut-outs, old window frames, old picture frames, lace, jute (together!!!), inserting an object in the center of a bow, stuffed animals, tucks, hange-dangles, weird colors, dumpster dives. Mixed textures and mixed species—put some angiosperms in with the gymnosperms.

Speaker did recommend wiring instead of hot for outdoor.

She reminded us wreaths are not just for doors and the garden gate.

Centerpieces, mantle pieces. There are bars and sprays as well. She overlaid a green wreath with a sparse coil of grape vine, added moss [dyed red] pine cones, which were wired together in a cluster and used in place of a bow. Decorating wreaths, swags, corners, door garlands, sprays, mailboxes(?) in the same theme can sell all of them to one person.

Other suggestion: help clients/customers start traditions in the use of fresh greens.

Trees can be decorated with whimsy. An elf can peek out of a tree, or the elf's feet. A tree was decorated with gold high heels and blingy gold jewelry with just enough color to be lively. The tree itself can, of course be the "display rack" for your merchandise.

## **MACT MEETING**

Called to order by President Bill Holesinger

Copies of the financial report were passed out.

Joe is still re-elected as Treasurer. Existing officers were to stay in place.

IOWA MACT for 2017. Cedar Falls only wanted a small one. Ames Iowa was willing to do a full MACT. Indiana was concerned with distance. [Growers from other states travel farther....]

Randy Stieff said he would host MACT for IL the next time IL is in the rotation. If Iowa falls through we will be at Bill Cackler's in OHIO.

The meeting was adjourned.