



Dear EMS PRO Expo Boy Scout Attendees:

I want to thank everyone for signing up to attend the Merit Badge classes at this year's EMS PRO Expo. I'll be your instructor this year and will be teaching the Crime Prevention, Fire Safety, and Medicine merit badges.

It's going to be a long day on Saturday, but I'm going to do my best to make it a lot of fun and keep you out of your seats quite a bit. To get the most out of the class and get closer to those badges, there are a few things you need to do **BEFORE** the event.

Download and print the Merit Badge workbooks. Complete as much as you can **BEFORE** the class. There are also a couple of assignments that **ABSOLUTELY** have to be done outside of the class to finish the badge on Saturday. We will have a Counselor onsite to sign off on your blue cards.

To sum it all up...

1. Print the workbook.
2. Complete it as much as possible, especially the pre-requisites activities.
3. Bring a blue card for each of the merit badge you have signed up for. (Medicine, Fire Safety, Crime Prevention)
4. Show up on Saturday, with your copy of the workbooks, prepared to work and have fun!

Thanks,  
Dr. David Powers

**The assignments that have to be completed before class are:**



**Medicine**

7. Visit a physician's office, preferably one who delivers primary care. Discuss the components of a medical history and physical examination (an official BSA health form may be used to guide this discussion), and become familiar with the instruments used.
10. Serve as a volunteer at a health-related event or facility in your community (e.g. blood drive, "health fair", blood pressure screening, etc.) approved by your counselor. REMINDER- I will not have these workbooks at the class.



### **Crime Prevention**

2. Prepare a journal from various sources that addresses crime and crime prevention efforts in your community.
4. Inspect your neighborhood for opportunities that may lead to crime. Using the checklist in the merit badge pamphlet, conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family. This can be done at the same time as item 6 for the Fire Safety badge.
6. Help raise awareness about one school safety issue facing students by doing ONE of the following: a. Create a poster for display on a school bulletin board; b. With permission from school officials, create a page long public service announcement that could be read over the public address system at school or posted on the school's website; c. Make a presentation to a group such as a Cub Scout den that addresses the issue. Feel free to bring any posters to our class so we can display them around the room!
7. Do ONE of the following: a. Assist in the planning and organization of a crime prevention program in your community such as Neighborhood Watch, Community Watch, or Crime Stoppers. Explain how this program can benefit your neighborhood; b. With your parent's and counselor's approval, visit a jail or detention facility or a criminal court hearing. I highly recommend B. In my jurisdiction, I took my boys to watch small crimes magistrate court (things like shoplifting, simple assault, etc), and they had a blast listening to the cases.



### **Fire Safety**

6. Conduct a home safety survey with the help of an adult using the Sample Home Safety Checklist at the end of this workbook. Then do the following: Draw a home fire escape plan, create a home fire-drill schedule, and conduct a home fire drill. This can be done at the same time as item 4 for the Crime Prevention badge.
7. Do the following: a. Demonstrate lighting a match safely; b. Demonstrate the safe way to start a charcoal fire; c. Demonstrate how to safely light a candle. Just remember, we're not filming fail videos here, so no flame throwers, gallons of gasoline, or other things you do when your parents aren't watching.
10. Demonstrate setting up and putting out a cooking fire and demonstrate using a camp stove and lantern.
11. Visit a fire station. When you visit, see if they'll let you ride along on calls.