

## **Objectives for the Maine Spinal Assessment Protocol Training Program**

### **Program Goal:**

All patients who are injured will be properly assessed and treated for spinal injuries in accordance with the Maine EMS 2002 Spinal Assessment protocol.

At the conclusion of this program, which uses as core content

- the Maine EMS Spine Assessment Protocol,
- this training program,
- and the DOT curriculum

the learner will be able to:

- 1.) Describe when and under what circumstances the MEMS Spine Protocol can be used.
- 2.) Describe the core components of the assessment, which include: reliability, distracting injury, neurological evaluation and physical assessment.
- 3.) Differentiate between:
  - a. reliable and unreliable patients
  - b. distracting and non-distracting injury
  - c. patients with a normal neurological evaluation from those patients with an abnormal neurological evaluation.
  - d. patients with complaints of spine pain and/or tenderness from patients without spine pain and/or tenderness
- 4.) Evaluate an injured patient in accordance with the MEMS 2002 spinal assessment protocol and determine if immobilization is warranted.
- 5.) Describe the importance of properly completing and returning the Maine EMS Spine Protocol Quality Assurance Form.