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**Save the Date for the
SDEMSA Conference!**

October 27 - 29, 2023

Rapid City, South Dakota

South Dakota EMS News



SD DOH Fighting to Address EMS Staffing Shortage

Dakota News Now

"Staffing for emergency medical services across the country has become increasingly difficult, including in South Dakota, where EMS teams are nearly 90 percent volunteer-based.

The South Dakota DoH is aware of the issue, which is why lawmakers appropriated \$20 million toward bettering EMS services in 2022.

It's happening in three different parts:

1. 300 life packs being updated.
2. Telemedicine in Motion is now being implemented.
3. A research-based project is being conducted.

Communication with those working on the ground to get a better gauge the problem is most critical. "

License Plate Decals

sdemsa.org

As a member of the SDEMSEA you have the option to purchase License Plate Decals for South Dakota issued specialty plates. Each order will receive two (2) license plate stickers. Orders will be fulfilled as inventory is available and time allows. Please have patience. Thank-you!



See your news in EMT Thoughts!

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Submit any district news, upcoming events, photos, or updates through the South Dakota EMS Association website!



Donna Wik

Fiksdal Funeral Service

Donna Wik, an EMT with the Christensen Ambulance Service, passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023. She was born on September 19, 1961, to Francis and Dolores Gollnick in Watertown, SD. She married Gary Wik on September 13, 1980, and had five children. She worked for the Day County Ambulance service as an EMT and enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, and baking. She loved her family and helping others. She will be forever loved by her husband Gary Wik of Webster, SD, children, Stacey (Adam) Christoffers of Brewster, MN, Matthew (Jenna) Wik of Webster, Mindy Charlson of Webster, SD, Christa (David) Orr of Bristol, SD, and Brandon (Emma) Wik of Webster, as well as 12 grandchildren, Preston, Tanner, Walker, Tenlee, Lane, Peyton, Ellie, Rylee, Atlee, Bennett, Ila, and Murphie.

Teresa Pomrenke

Eidness Funeral Home

Teresa Pomrenke, a volunteer EMT since 1982, passed away on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. She was born June 1st, 1960, to Alvin and Geraldine Schmidt. She married Myron Pomrenke March 3rd, 1990. They made their home by White, South Dakota, and had two sons, Bryce and Braydn. Outside of as an EMT, she also volunteered as a Sunday School Teacher, as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, at the White Community Club, and for many more organizations. Left to celebrate her life is her husband, Myron, sons - Bryce (Erin) and Braydn, grandchildren - Hank and Eliza, mother - Geraldine Schmidt, brothers - Paul (Jane) Schmidt, Brian (Cindy) Schmidt, Wayne (Rebecca) Schmidt, sisters-in-law - Vicki (Scott) Whitehead and Cathy Schmidt, brothers-in-law - Melvin Pomrenke, Marlyn Pomrenke, many nephews and nieces, great nieces and nephews, and friends.



Leadership Spotlights



Keith Sharisky
SDEMSA President

"I have had several positions in the association, district president, district vice president, state vice president, and now the current state president. In all the positions, it was the members that guided me in the care and decisions of my patients. This I believe is the biggest impact on me as an EMT."

"I became a member of the SDEMSA, at the time SDEMTA, because I needed to know what was going on in the state. It was a great way to find out what was available to assist me and, at the time, Mid Dakota Hospital in Chamberlain. The hospital tasked me with managing a grant that Kathy Chesney and a partner had written to set up the hospital, local ambulance services including tribal, and first responders. It was the association that allowed me to find the needed resources to fulfil this project."

Cody Doren
SDEMSA District I President

"I became an EMT because I saw the need in my community for more EMTs. When I first moved to Arlington and joined the Fire Department, I heard about the struggles they were having find a crew to take calls, so as soon as the first class became available, I jumped on it."



"Being a member of the association has made me connect with other people across the state who share the same passion as I do for EMS, many of which have been lifelong friendships."

"The South Dakota EMS Association is putting a lot of work into to setting up the association for years to come. With creating a strategic plan, we are working on making the association a better, more inviting place for everyone, and I hope that someday we will be the go-to place for every EMS provider in the state."

Alan Perry
SDEMSA District II President

"Don't wait to get involved, as soon as you become an EMT get involved with the organization. You can only grow from your involvement. We are a team – let us help you become the best care provider you can be!"



"My involvement with the SDEMSA is an important component of what I do as a paramedic and provider in a rural community. I know it's only through the hard work of the association that we have moved EMS forward in the state of South Dakota. We aren't where we need to be yet, but we are on the right path, and with the dedication of all the professionals in the South Dakota EMS Association, we will keep it moving in that direction."



Nicole Neugebauer
SDEMSA District III President

"To me, [being a member of the South Dakota EMS Association] means keeping EMS strong in South Dakota. We need EMS and people do not realize that until they need, and in some communities, that may be too late."

"[As the president of my district], I continue to make connections, friends, and gain a ton of knowledge working with people from across the state. Every service is different, but also alike in many ways."

"Join the South Dakota EMS Association and participate. This is how we keep EMS alive in our state! The more voices we have, the better we can be. The more peers you meet, the greater your network, and that means the world when we are there for each other."

News from the Districts

Touch-A-Truck

Campbell County Ambulance

EMS Week proved to be a fun one this year for the Campbell County Ambulance Crew in Herreid, SD. A local massage therapist gave discount coupons for Mental Health Day, 3 students won ice cream cones for an ambulance related coloring contest, and the local newspaper wrote a nice article about the crew. The main event was Touch-A-Truck for the community. Law enforcement, fire and ambulance offered cookies and gift bags to kids as well as tours of all rigs. EMTs showed kids the monitor and their temperatures.





Boating and Jet Ski Accident Simulation

West McPherson and Eureka Fire and Ambulance

On Monday, June 26, 2023, the West McPherson Ambulance, Eureka Fire, McPherson County Sheriff's Department, and Eureka Community Health Services Avera, conducted a joint MCI training exercise simulating an accident involving boats and jet skis on Eureka Lake. The scenario included four patients: two located just off the dock and two located outside of the swimming area, each with various degrees of trauma. Working in tandem, the departments were able to gain a better understanding of their individual roles and how to work together when on the scene of a water accident. Everyone got the opportunity to assess, c-collar, backboard, and extricate the patients from the water. One of the patients was then transported to the hospital where a trauma team was present to practice what they would do in the situation. "While this is certainly something we would never like to see happen, it is something that is in the realm of possibilities with so many enjoying Eureka Lake during the summer months. After this training, I feel that all our departments have a better idea of what to expect if a call like this ever comes in," Says Rosa Junt, an EMT for the West McPherson Ambulance Service. In addition to the training provided to the services, the West McPherson Ambulance Service published some water safety information for the public in their local newspaper and Facebook page encouraging the public to practice water safety when on the lake this summer."

Job Postings & Other Opportunities

EMT or Paramedic |
Chloeta, **Eagle Butte**

- \$57.6k – 73k a year
- Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance, Health Savings Account, Life Insurance

EMT/AEMT | City of
Vermillion, **Vermillion**

- \$61.7k – 78.2k per year
- Competitive Wages, Paid On-Call Part-Time

EMT | AMR, **Pierre**

- \$46.8k – 59.3k per year
- EMT Certification, CPR Certification, BLS Certification
- Up to \$2500 relocation assistance

Paramedic – Emergency
Unit | Avera, **Sioux Falls**

- \$20.00 – 28.75 an hour
- Part Time
- "Career Growth opportunities with the largest employer in South Dakota!"

EMS World Expo

A collaboration between HMP and SDEMSEA

EMS World Expo 2023 is September 18 – 22 in New Orleans. Learn about the latest research, procedures, products, and services that help save lives.

SD EMS Association members have access to:

- Unlimited free exhibit hall passes (Code SDEMSEA XPO)
- Unlimited \$100 discount on 3 – day conference passes (Code SDEMSEA)

NPPGov

Cooperative Purchasing and Current supply Trends

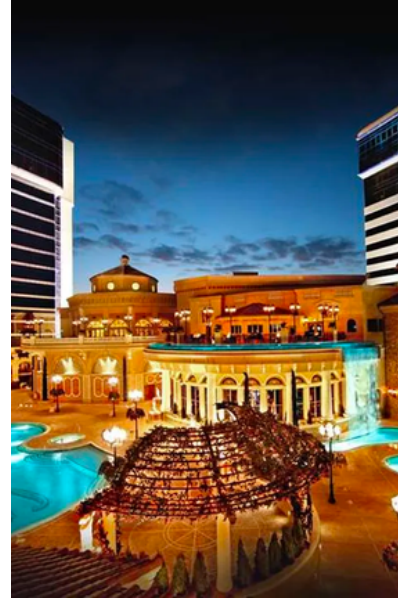
NPPGov is excited to present an educational session on Cooperative Purchasing and Current Supply Chain Trends. Upon completion of the session attendees will have an understanding of

- Current Supply Chain Trends
- Cooperative Purchasing and how it can assist you in obtaining the products and services you need
- NPPGov Public Safety GPO, how it works, and how it can save you time and money on products.

SDEMSA Events

2023 NAEMSE EMS Educator Symposium & Trade Show Program Book

NAEMSE is proud to host the 28th Annual EMS Educator Symposium & Trade Show in Reno, Nevada! We look forward to seeing you August 14 - 19 for a week of networking, educational workshops, presentations, celebration, conversation, and more!



2023 SDEMSA Conference 10.27 - 10.29.2023 - Rapid City

The 2023 South Dakota EMS Association Annual Conference is being held October 27th - 29th at the Best Western Ramkota, 2111 N Lacrosse Street, Rapid City, SD. We expect up to 350 in-person participants for this year's conference. Breaks between classes remain extended to allow attendees more time to visit the vendor area.



SAVE THE DATE!

Boot Camp for Pediatric Champions

Thursday, October 26th, 2023 from 1:00-5:00pm
Rapid City, South Dakota

•Education •Skills •Social •Prizes

This is included as part of your South Dakota State EMS conference registration fee

Continuing Education

Field Triage, Oxygenation, Obstetrics, Pain Management, and Immunological Training

- Platte Ambulance | 07.10.23
- Huron Ambulance | 07.12.23
- Miner County | 07.17.23
- Douglas County | 07.19.23
- White Lake | 07.24.23
- Tripp Ambulance | 07.25.23
- Parkston Rural | 07.25.23

Diabetic and Temperature Related Illness

- Avon Save-A-Life Ambulance
- 07.10.2023 | 7:00 PM

Emergency American Sign Language

- Jones County Ambulance
- 07.12.23

Stryker Stretcher Lift Operation and Safety

- Bowdle Ambulance Service
- 07.13.23

Initial EMT Course

- South Dakota School of EMS
- 07.17.23

Trauma CNS Injury, Bleeding Control

- Piedmont Fire & Ambulance
- 07.18.23

Highmore July EMS

- Highmore Fire Department & Ambulance
- 07.19.23 | 7:00 PM

Rockerville July 2023 EMS

- Rockerville VFD
- 07.19.23 | 6:30 PM

CPR Continuing Education

- Ipswich Ambulance Service
- 07.26.23 | 7:00 PM

July EMS Webinar: Provider Mental Health and Resiliency

- District IV Virtual
- 07.27.23 | 7:00 PM

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For more information and more upcoming events, visit www.sdems.org/events

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The mission of the South Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association Instructor Coordinator Society (SDEMSA I/C Society) is to practice and promote excellence in EMS Education. The SDEMSA I/C Society is committed to and responsible for providing relevant, challenging, evidence-based education.

