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# EMT Thoughts



## EMS WORLD EXPO 2023

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- Unlimited free exhibit hall passes (Code SDEMSAXPO)
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# EMS Day on the Hill - March 2023

To ensure members of Congress continue to hear the EMS voice - especially during this critical time.

## Topics

### Discussed:

#### **Please Save the EMS**

**Workforce:** Insufficient reimbursement for EMS care and lack of federal investment in EMS.

#### **Fund and Reauthorize the Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs (SIREN) Law:**

Asking our lawmakers to fund SIREN ACT grants at \$20 million and to authorize S. 265 for 5 more years.

**Support HR. 1666:** Extend current temporary increases under the Medicare ambulance fee (2% urban, 3% rural, 22.6% super rural) for another three years.

**TIP and TAD:** Reimburse EMS for Treatment in Place (TIP) and Transport to Alternate Destination (TAD).



**Maynard Konechne**, the South Dakota EMSA political advocate, joined the North Dakota delegation on March 30, 2023, in Washington, D.C. to speak with our legislatures on issues concerning EMS professionals nationwide. Konechne, along with Corey Johnson, the Director of the Williston, ND, ambulance service, and Christopher Mahoney, the training officer for Williston met with representatives of the elected officials in their respective offices. Konechne states that it "was a productive day of meetings and gaining new friends and colleagues from North Dakota." South Dakota Senate and House legislatures were encouraged to join the EMS Caucus, so they will have a better understanding of the problems endured by EMS personnel.

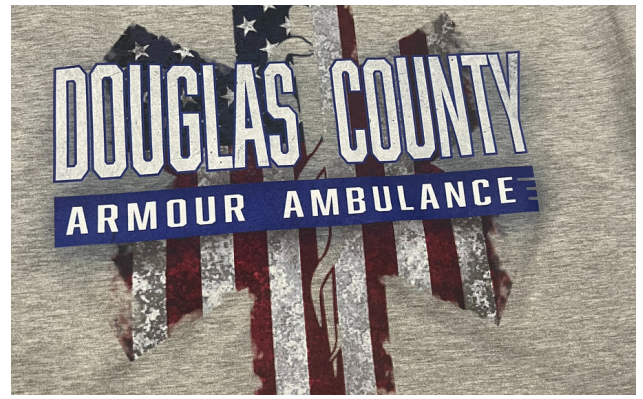


## "If Today Was Your Last Day"

Groton Area Fire and Rescue (**District IV**), along with Groton Police Department, Brown County Sheriff's Office, SD Highway Patrol, Aberdeen Fire & Rescue, Avera St. Luke's, Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home, Koelker Law, and Brown County Emergency Management, conducted a Mock Crash at the Groton Area High School on Monday, April 17, 2023. Senior students acted as accident victims and their parents arrived to the scene as they would in an actual crash. The purpose in doing such a detailed event is to help remind everyone of the dangers of driving. Groton Area Fire and Rescue would like to thank all who helped put this on. Patti Woods stated, "This group of individuals are there in your time of need and are very dedicated professionals. It is a privilege to work with each of them."







Douglas County Armour Ambulance (**District III**) was able to pick up their new ambulance in March after many months of fundraising. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Midland Area EMS (**District V**) participated in a Grain Engulfment and Extraction Training at Dakota Mill & Grain Elevator in Midland, SD. The training exercise was conducted by Trevor Lightfield, Chief of Pierre Fire and Rescue.

The training was held in an underground grain pit located within an elevator building and involved the necessary safety equipment and adequate personnel to properly secure and rescue the trapped victims. Multiple scenarios were practiced to test different methods and techniques that might be utilized in such a situation.

The training hosted by Midland Volunteer Fire Department and Dakota Mill and Grain was well attended and informative.



## Event Calendar:

### May 01 - 07

District II | Refresher Course: Cardiac Arrest

- District II
- 05.01.23

District V | Continuing Education: AVEL Telehealth Training

- Jones County Ambulance
- 05.01.23

Statewide | Continuing Education: Trauma, CNS Injuries, and Pain Management

- Center for Pre-Hosp. Care Sanford
- 05.01.23

District IV | Continuing Education: Cardiac

- Groton Rescue
- 05.01.23

District III | Continuing Education: Cardiac Arrest, Pediatric Cardiac and Transport

- Carthage Ambulance Service
- 05.03.23

District III | Continuing Education: Cardiac Arrest, Pediatric Cardiac and Transport

- Sanborn County Ambulance Service
- 05.04.23

District VI | Continuing Education: Triage, MCI, and Field Care

- Sanford Underground Research Facility
- 05.04.23

### May 08 - 14

District III | Continuing Education: Cardiac Arrest, Pediatric Cardiac and Transport

- Platte Ambulance Service
- 05.08.23

**Statewide | Initial EMR or EMT Course**

- School of EMS
- 05.08.23

Statewide | Specialty Course: TECC

- Western Dakota Technical Institute
- 05.09.23

District IV | Continuing Education: Avel Go Live Training

- Wolsey EMS
- 05.09.23

District IV | Continuing Education: Cardiac Arrest, Pediatric Cardiac and Transport

- Huron Ambulance Service
- 05.10.23

District I | Continuing Education: Mega Codes

- Vermillion Fire EMS Dept.
- 05.10.23

District III | Continuing Education: EVOC

- White Lake Ambulance Service
- 05.13.23



# Event Calendar:

## May 15 - 21

District I | Continuing Education: Cardiac Arrest, Pediatric Cardiac and Transport

- Miner County Ambulance Service
- 05.15.23

District II | **Initial EMT Course**

- Center for Pre-Hospital Care Sanford
- 05.16.23

District III | Continuing Education: Cardiac Arrest, Pediatric Cardiac and Transport

- Douglas County Ambulance - Corsica
- 05.17.23

District III | Continuing Education: Cardiac Arrest, Pediatric Cardiac and Transport

- Douglas County Ambulance - Armour
- 05.17.23

District VI | Continuing Education: EMS

- Rockerville VFD
- 05.17.23

District V | Continuing Education: EMS

- Highmore Fire Department and Ambulance
- 05.17.23

District I | Continuing Education: Cardiac/Airway

- Lake Preston Ambulance Service
- 05.18.23

## May 22 - 31

District III | Continuing Education: Tyndall May Training

- Tyndall Ambulance Service
- 05.22.23

District III | Continuing Education: Cardiac Arrest, Pediatric Cardiac and Transport

- Tripp Ambulance Service
- 05.23.23

District III | Continuing Education: Cardiac Arrest, Pediatric Cardiac and Transport

- Parkston Ambulance Service
- 05.23.23

District I | District Meeting

- Brookings Fire Department
- 05.24.23 | 7 PM

District IV | Continuing Education: Cardiac

- Ipswich Ambulance Service
- 05.31.23



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The SDEMSA IC Society is committed to and responsible for providing relevant, challenging, evidence-based education. Our service supports the greater mission of the SDEMSA.



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