



EMS Day at the Capitol January 29, 2024

Front Row (left to right): Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden, Maynard Konechne- Kimball, Governor Kristie Noem, Brian Hambeck-Spearfish, and Eric VanDusen-Yankton 2nd row: Tim Walburg-Madison, Joshua Brumwell-SF Patient Care, Amy Roseland-Canton, Rob Keyes-Canton, Katie Cole-Winner, and Elizabeth Verhey-Spearfish. 3rd row: Mark Postma-SF Patient Care, Deb Fastnacht-Wessington Springs, Sheila Monnier-Dual County, and Nicole Neugebauer-Armour. Top Row: Chuck Hansen-Selby-Mobridge, Alan Perry-Lennox, Deb Doering-Wessington Springs, Gerald Knutson-Centerville, Scott Larson-Highmore, and John Gruber-SF Avel

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South Dakota EMS News

Avel eCare EMS Telemedicine Leaders Honored with SD Governor's Award for Herosim



South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem took a moment during her State of the State address on January 9, 2024, to honor the extraordinary efforts of healthcare professionals and first responders who helped save the life of a rancher critically injured in a bison attack. Among those recognized were Dr. Katie DeJong and registered nurse Casie Hunter from Avel eCare, alongside Ed Konechne, an EMT with Kimball, SD Fire and Ambulance. Their remarkable teamwork, facilitated by the state's groundbreaking Telemedicine in Motion program, underscored the transformative impact of telemedicine on emergency medical services (EMS) in rural communities. Governor Noem hailed Telemedicine in Motion as a groundbreaking initiative, emphasizing its role in revolutionizing EMS and saving lives across the state. The program's success lies in its ability to bridge geographical barriers and provide timely access to specialized medical expertise, particularly in rural areas where the nearest care facility may be hours away. With 92 out of 122 ambulance services in South Dakota already utilizing the technology and plans for further expansion underway, Telemedicine in Motion has become an indispensable asset in the state's emergency response infrastructure.

Information from PRNewsWire.com

SD Department of Health Announces EMS Grants

The South Dakota Department of Health is initiating a grant program to bolster Emergency Medical Services (EMS) statewide. With \$7.5 million allocated, the grant aims to support projects enhancing EMS sustainability, spurred by the 2023 Regional Services Designation analysis. Applicants must demonstrate a clear understanding of the analysis and propose solutions to improve EMS services. Submissions are accepted at DOHEMSgrants@state.sd.us. This initiative aims to elevate emergency care delivery and community resilience across South Dakota.



Information and Photo from South Dakota Public Broadcasting

SD DOH Invests \$20 Million in EMS Improvements



Information and Photo from MitchellRepublic.com

Over the past two years, the South Dakota Department of Health has allocated \$20 million to enhance emergency medical services (EMS) across the state. This investment, outlined in the 2023 annual report, focuses on crucial areas like telemedicine and local service grants. Marty Link, administrator for EMS and trauma programs, highlighted the significance of these funds in supporting initiatives such as Telemedicine in Motion and the replacement of 308 LIFEPAK monitor/defibrillators. The investment also includes a statewide sustainability assessment of EMS. Link emphasized the commitment to uplifting EMS providers and ensuring high-quality emergency care for all South Dakotans.

Legislative Updates

Here is the most recent weekly update. The last of the bills have filed with 258 House bills and 220 Senate bills. ([2024 Legislation.docx](#)).

Most everything is moving along at a steady pace.

SB 114 will be heard on Tuesday Feb. 13th at 10:00 in Room 412.

Crossover day is February 21st and the last day being March 4th. Remember to pass along any questions or comments.

If a bill has had final considerations, I have highlighted them in the report.

EMS Day was a great success with 19 attendees for the picture with the Governor and Lt. Governor. For the social we had 15 EMTs and Paramedics, 6 members of the Department of Health, the Secretary of Health, the Lt. Governor, 4 from Avel, 3 from Stryker, 1 healthcare strategist, 43 legislature, and 8 interns for a total of 82!

For any questions and or comments, please contact me at 605-730-0462.

Maynard Konechne, Legislative Chair.



SDEMSA District News

Custer Ambulance Service




2024 REFRESHER

REGISTRATION FEE :


BLS/ALS 30-HOUR REFRESHER

Registration
Deadline
Feb. 21, 2024

\$150

 Feb 24-25, 2024

 Mar 2-3, 2024

 **Crazy Horse Memorial**
12151 Avenue of the Chiefs
Custer, SD 57730



8am - 5pm

- 30 NCCP Refresher
- BLS and ALS content
- NCCP 2016 and 2025 models
- **BLS CPR - Feb 24th at 5pm**
- **ACLS - March 2nd at 1pm**
- **PALS - March 3rd at 8am**

SCAN TO REGISTER



Custer Ambulance Service
1105 Montgomery St
Custer, SD 57730

 (605) 951-8102
 custerambulance@gmail.com

District 4 Refresher

February 16 - 18, 2024
Aberdeen, SD
(with live virtual option)

More information:

<https://wp.me/Pc1Rdv-2B0>

Contact:

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Douglas County Armour Ambulance

Douglas County Armour held a CPR class on Thursday, February 1st and taught high school students CPR skills.



District II Refresher

District 2 held a 20 hour BLS/ALS Refresher at the Morton Center in Baltic, SD. The refresher was held on Friday, February 2nd through Sunday, February 4th.



EMS Day on the Hill

EMS Day on the Hill was held on January 29th. Thank you to all who attended! EMS Day was a great success with 19 attendees for the picture with the Governor and Lt. Governor. For the social we had 15 EMT's and Paramedics, DOH-6, Sec. of Health-1, Lt. Governor-1, Avel-4, Healthcare Strategists-1, Stryker-3, Legislators-43, and Interns-8 for a total of 82. Keep an eye out for legislative updates as the season progresses.

District 3 Refresher

March 1-3, 2024 (8am-5pm). Held in Mitchell, SD.

Sign Up:

[Google Doc Sign-UP](#)

Contact:

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District 6 Refresher

February 16-18, 2024
Box Elder, SD
In-Person Only

More information:

<https://sdemsa.org/event-5559208>

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Centerville Community Ambulance's Annual Soup Supper

March 3rd, 2024 from 4:30 pm - 7:00pm

Soup, sandwiches, and bars will be available for free will donation.

Upcoming Education Calendar

March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Iroquois - Peds Cardiac Arrest	5	6 Carthage - Peds Cardiac Arrest	7 Woonsocket - Peds Cardiac Arrest Redfield Energy - HAZWOPER	8	9
10	11 Platte - Initial EMT Course Platte - Monthly Training	12	13 Huron - Peds Cardiac Arrest Aberdeen - Safety Training	14	15 Elkton EMS Refresher	16
17	18 Howard - Peds Cardiac Arrest	19 Tabor - Burns	20 Douglas County - Peds Cardiac Arrest Spearfish 20 Hr Refresher Rockerville Monthly Training	21	22	23
24	25 White Lake - Peds Cardiac Arrest Spearfish 30 Hr Refresher Tyndall Monthly Training	26 Tripp - Peds Cardiac Arrest Parkston - Peds Cardiac Arrest Onida Monthly Training	27 Ipswich - Pediatrics	28 District IV & Northeast SD AHEC Virtual Webinar	29	30
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Instructor/Coordinator Society

Join the SDEMSA's I/C Society Today!

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.

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NAEMSE Instructor Course Schedule

Level 1 Instructor Course Online :

- April 12 - 14
- May 7 - 9
- May 17 - 19
- May 31 - June 2
- June 11 - 13
- June 21 - 23
- June 28 - 30
- July 12 - 14
- July 16 - 18

Level 2 Instructor Course Online :

- February 3 - 4
- March 2 - 3
- May 18 - 19
- June 29 - 30

Level 1 Instructor Course In-Person:

- Chicago, IL - March 22 - 24
- South Portland, ME - May 3 - 5

Skills Instructor Course Online:

- February 24 - 25
- June 8 - 9

NEMSEC Exam

- February 9
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9

Lesson Planning Instructor Course Online

- June 8 - 9

https://naemse.org/events/event_list.asp

If you have any news, events, or photos you would like to see in EMT Thoughts, please visit <https://sdemsa.org/EMT-Thoughts>

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