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EMT Thoughts



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South Dakota EMS News

Opioid Settlement Fund Community Grant Program

A new funding opportunity is available for South Dakota-based organizations working to abate and alleviate the impacts of the opioid crisis and co-occurring substance use challenges in South Dakota communities. As you may be aware, over the next 18 years South Dakota will be receiving funding from the National Settlement Agreement involving a number of pharmaceutical companies. This funding is split between what is called the statewide share and the localized share. Department of Social Services in partnership with the Opioid Abuse Advisory Committee is utilizing 25% of the statewide share of the National Opioid Settlements to fund this grant program.

Applications are currently being accepted online, which can be accessed on the sdemsa.org website. A FAQ document, budget template, and notes on preparing to apply are also available.

Brian L. Schmidt, White, SD

Brian L. Schmidt, age 59, of White, SD passed away on February 14, 2024, at the Brookings ER due to complications from Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, a disease that he had for over 23 years. Brian was born on June 18, 1964, at Volga, SD, the 4th child of Alvin and Geraldine (Van Beek) Schmidt. Brian grew up in White, SD, graduating from Deubrook High School in 1982, where he participated in sports and music. He was a superintendent for Mills Construction at the time of his death. He was also on the White Ambulance Crew for over 40 years and the White Fire Department for 35 years.



Brian was loved by so many, and is survived by his wife, Cindy Schmidt, children, grandchildren, brothers and siblings-in-law, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, a great-grandneice, and many friends.

2024 EMS Regional Services Designation Grant

With assistance from the American Rescue Plan Act (an act aimed at supporting Emergency Medical Services across the state), the South Dakota Department of Health is offering a grant opportunity! This grant offers \$7.5 million for “EMS providers to enhance their services” (DOH.SD.GOV). Applications are open until March 15th, so get your application in soon! The SD DoH Website has a recorded webinar with more information on the grant and application.

The application must be submitted to DOHEMSgrants@state.sd.us. Notification of funding will go out March 29th.



Information from South Dakota Department of Health

SD Wildland Fire Urges Caution with High Fire Risk



Information and Photo from NewsCenter1.TV

For many parts of South Dakota, late February brought warm and dry weather. But with the recent high winds, Western South Dakota is at significant risk for wildfire.

Samantha Johnson, a journalist for NewsCenter1, writes, “The return of warm temperatures caused most of the snow to melt in the region, leaving no time for the moisture to be absorbed by fuels.”

Michael Reed, Fire District Manager from the Wildland Fire Division, advises, “If you have burned recently: please go out and check your piles, ensure they’re cold, rake the edges in, put that bare hand in there and make sure that they’re cool to the touch, so we don’t have any issues.”

South Dakota EMS Legislative Updates



I must start by thanking the SDEMSA for asking me to be your legislative chair. It is truly humbling to represent the Association. Steve Willard, who represents the Joint Council of which we are members, is a vital source of knowledge and assistance in moving bills forward.

This 99th session of the Legislature is coming to a close with the last day being March 7th and veto day March 25th.

We have had success during this session with SB 63, which is a clean-up of 34-11, SB 64, which puts all prehospital personnel under one roof with the Board of Medical and Osteopathic examiners, and SB 87, which gives EMS a seat on the Board and to create a council to move EMS forward in years to come. They are either signed by the Governor or on their way to her. SB 44 has been signed by the Governor which reimburses healthcare professionals with their training if they agree to serve in rural areas of our State. This year's recipients were Deadwood - a physician, DeSmet and Deadwood - dentists, Chamberlain/Kennebec - 2 Physician Assistants, and Platte - a Nurse practitioner. HB 1120, to develop a license plate with the EMT logo on it like the Fire plates rather than getting a sticker to put on the plate. Three bills that deal with banning certain substances HB 1025, HB 1027, and HB 1028 have been signed by the Governor. HB 1092, which increases the surcharge for 911 services has been amended and will have to go to a concurrent committee to see if the House concurs.

A bill that was controversial this year was SB 1097. It deals with hospitals that have an air ambulance, they may make ground transfers due to weather or mechanical issues. This has been signed by the Governor.

There are other bills we have followed which are important but the ones listed above are the major ones we have dealt with this year.

Maynard Konechne, Legislative Chair.

SDEMSA District News

White Ambulance Service Fundraiser

White Ambulance Service is selling tickets for Dueling Duo: A Dueling Pianos Request Show. This show, to take place on April 25th, is a fundraiser for a new ambulance and other expenses with the new fire hall. Tickets are \$40 and include a drink ticket. Please contact Geoff Andrews, Tammy or Dirk Beyers, Cheri Selleck, Lori Colberg, Joe Klein, or Mary Trewatha for tickets!

Jerauld County Ambulance & District 3

Jerauld County Ambulance & District 3 SDEMSA will be hosting a Geriatric Education class on April 27th, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please contact Debra Fastnacht to register at 606-770-5137. There will be a \$15 charge for the GEMS card.

Violence Prevention Echo

The Violence Prevention ECHO is an eight-week, one-hour per week virtual program designed to create a community of practice among health providers, increasing knowledge and self-efficacy regarding the selected aspects of violence. Register: <https://iecho.org/welcome>

Child Ready Pediatric Trauma ECHO

Dr. Girardet will present and highlight the clinical management when you have concerns that a child you are treating may have been sexually abused. New Mexico Health Sciences is sharing Project ECHO training with South Dakota Healthcare Providers. Use the QR to Register for this event, to be held on March 15th from 9-10 AM EST.



Child Ready Pediatric Trauma ECHO

Friday, March 15, 2024
8 a.m. – 9 a.m. MST

Child Sexual Abuse

Presented by
Rebecca Greenlee Girardet, MD

Course Description: This didactic presentation will highlight key concepts for the clinical management of children presenting with sexual abuse concerns. The presentation will also briefly address approaches for preventing child sexual abuse.

Learning Objectives:

1. Know the appropriate clinical management of children and adolescents presenting for concerns of sexual abuse, including sexualized behaviors
2. Explain why sexually abused children may have normal medical examinations
3. Recognize the significance of various sexually transmitted infections
4. Be able to name effective and promising child sexual abuse prevention measures

Save your spot and register now!

[Register Here](#)



District II Congratulations!

District II would like to thank Alan Perry for his years of service as District II president. They also would like to extend a huge thank you to Feyet Munshkipu for his years of service as District II Vice President!



District IV Donation to Aberdeen Police

President Wayne Ames presented Officer Kaiser with a donation to the Aberdeen Police Family Benefit Fund as a small token of appreciation for letting them hold the Refresher in the Police Station Community Room!



New Buildings and Building Updates!

Spink County Ambulance and Day County Ambulance both have had recent updates to their buildings! Spink County's new building is nearly completed, and Day County touched up theirs with some new letters and paint.



Games and Puzzles

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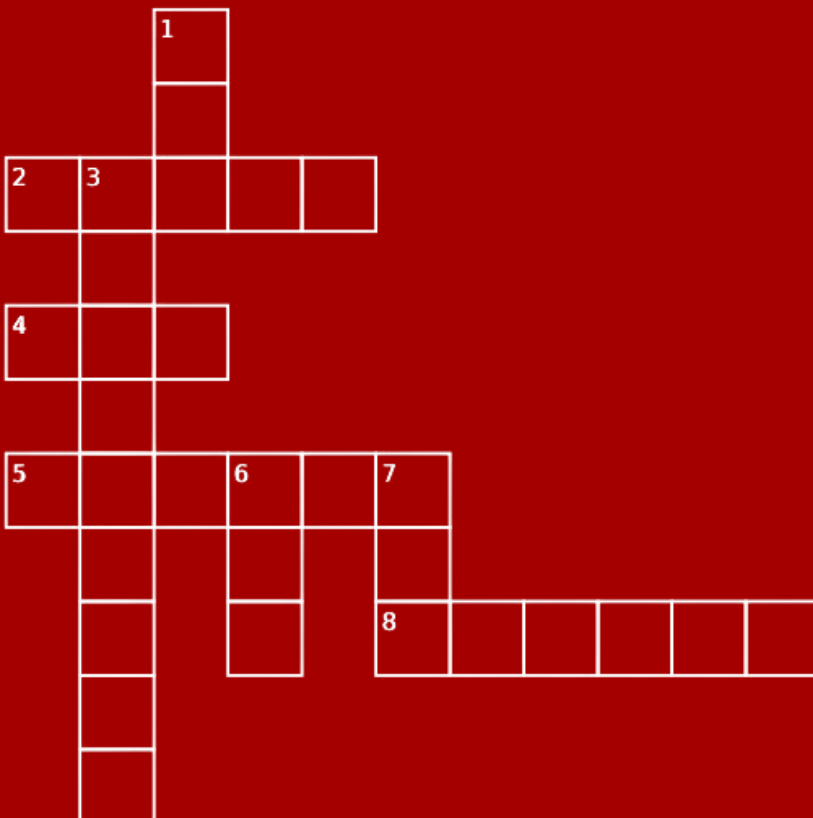
Words To Find:

Care Dispatcher EMTS Lifesaver
 Ambulance Emergency Stretcher Responder

Brain Teaser: EMS Emergency

While on duty during a chilly March evening, three EMTs, Emily, Mark, and Sarah, were dispatched to three different emergencies: a car accident, a severe allergic reaction, and a suspected heart attack. Using the following clues, can you match each EMS professional with their emergency and the color of their jacket?

1. Emily didn't respond to the car accident.
2. The EMT handling the severe allergic reaction wore a green jacket.
3. Mark didn't respond to the heart attack emergency.
4. Sarah responded to the car accident.
5. The EMT handling the heart attack wore a blue jacket.
6. Emily didn't wear a red jacket.



Down:

1. Life-saving procedure for cardiac arrest
3. Condition characterized by itchy, watery eyes and sneezing
6. Device used to administer electric shocks to the heart
7. A professional providing immediate care

Across

2. The month when daylight saving time begins
4. Seasonal illness prevalent in March
5. The process of assessing and prioritizing patients' needs
8. Term for sudden, severe injuries

District Refresher Recaps



Upcoming Education Calendar

April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Iroquois - Infectious Disease Center for Pre Hosp Care - Endocrine Emergencies	2	3 Carthage - Ventilation and Infectious Disease	4 Woonsocket - Ventilation and Infectious Disease District 1 Training	5	6
7	8 Platte - Ventilation and Infectious Disease	9 Ipswich - SIM Trailer	10 Huron - Ventilation and Infectious Disease	11 Sanford - Castle of Care Symposium	12	13
14	15 Howard - Ventilation and Infectious Disease	16	17 Corsica - Ventilation and Infectious Disease Box Elder Monthly Training	18	19	20 Howard Trauma Traige
21	22 White Lake - Ventilation and Infectious Disease Tyndall Monthly Training	23 Parkston - Ventilation and Infectious Disease Tripp - Ventilation and Infectious Disease	24 District 3 Central Electric Training	25	26	27 Wessington Springs GEM's Class
28	29 School of EMS - Initial EMT Course	30 Onida Monthly Training				

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.

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

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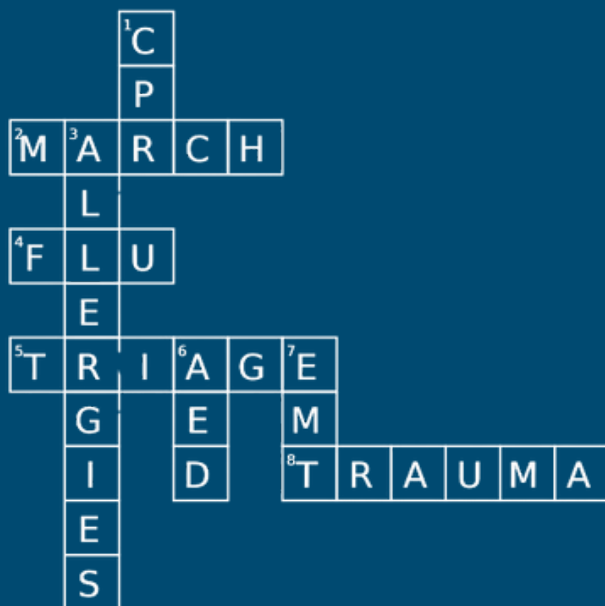
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Puzzle Answers



Brain Teaser Answers

Emily: Suspected heart attack, Blue Jacket
Mark: Severe Allergic Reaction, Green Jacket
Sarah: Car accident, Red Jacket

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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