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

**October 27 - 29, 2023**

**Rapid City, South Dakota**

# South Dakota EMS News



See your news in  
EMT Thoughts!  
[sdemsa.org](http://sdemsa.org)

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

## Air Ambulance Reopens Base in Western S.D. EMS1

"Operated by AirMethods, the leading air medical provider in the U.S., Black Hills Life Flight's new Hot Springs base partnered up with the Ambulance Service. It's the only crew in South Dakota where EMS and Life Flight operate in the same building.

The building that houses both operations was built only a few years ago with help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Governor's Office of Economic Development. Hot Springs Ambulance Service Director of Operations Hacki Conlon has been with Hot Springs for 13 years. She said they're so thankful for all the investment made in South Dakota's emergency medical services.

Hot Springs Ambulance and Black Hills Life Flight held a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 7."



## 2023 Memorial Service Pierre, SD

The South Dakota EMS memorial on the capital lawn memorializing those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in their selfless service to others. We pray that no other names will ever have to be added to this memorial and stand with their families as they forever grieve the loss of their loved ones.

## Obituaries



### **Betty Jane Kaltenbach**

#### Wass Funeral Home

Elizabeth Jane (Betty) Kaltenbach was born July 3, 1931 in Crofton, NE, to Joseph and Frances Perk. She passed away Monday, July 10, 2023, in Sioux Falls, SD, at the age of 92 years old.

Betty was raised in Crofton, NE, where she attended school. She met Kenneth Roder Kaltenbach when he was on the way home from the service in Crofton. Betty and Ken were united in marriage on June 15, 1954. Ken was the love of her life and they were blessed with 65 years of wedded bliss and seven children.

They settled in Beresford, SD, to raise their family. Betty became an Emergency Medical Technician in 1972 and was a part of the Beresford Ambulance team. She served as President of the SDEMTA, a member of the SDEMTA District II having held offices in that District, as well as the National EMT Association. Betty was the first recipient of the SDEMTA Lifetime Membership. She put on her first EMT Training class in 1973 and held classes every year for District II until 1985.

She is survived by her children, grandchild, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchild, two sisters, and her brother.

# Leadership Spotlights

**Edna Dale**

***SDEMSA District V President***

"[The SDEMSA] has enhanced my life. As a new EMT, I became a member of SDEMTA, not knowing what the association was about. Over the years, learning more about now SDEMSA, I felt it was a channel I could possibly contribute through. Every year has been a learning experience. The friendships that have evolved and the EMS family I have made are important to me. Knowing these people are there for me is invaluable. "

"South Dakota EMS Association is an organization designed for the members. One of the main goals is to provide education and training opportunities to assist members in staying current, not just CE hours to stay certified, but also sharing new and evolving hands-on methods and techniques to better provide patient care. There are other benefits available, reach out and check out SDEMSA. Get involved and enhance your life too."

**Ashia Starks**

***SDEMSA District VII President***

"I became an EMT to help my community with our volunteer service. I have a lot of pride knowing that in some way I am helping my community and state with important decisions. "



"The South Dakota EMS Association tries to do as much as they can with helping our EMS providers in our district with continued education. Get out and do it! It is worth your time to get the education. It's a wonderful feeling being able to help your community or join a new career path. "

# Job Postings & Other Opportunities

Paramedic – Emergency Unit | Avera McKennan,

## Sioux Falls

- 20.00 – 28.75 per hour
- Looking for: a licensed paramedic experienced in EMS, who is responsible for providing high quality patient care.

Crisis Triage Technician, EMT, or Paramedic, **Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services**

## Health Services

- Full time or Part time, Shift rotation options, weekend rotation options, full benefits
- Looking for: a crisis triage technician responsible for assisting clinical staff in caring for youth and adults experiencing mental health and addiction crisis as well as caring for adults participating in chemical dependency treatment.

## 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

## First Responder Summit: Addiction & Mental Health in South Dakota

Network and connect with peers and resources while discussing addiction and mental health solutions on August 25, 2023, at Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center at Cedar Shore Oacoma, SD. Event is open to the public including counselors, health professionals, community providers, first responders, and more. For more info visit: [sdemsa.org/event-5367656](https://sdemsa.org/event-5367656)



## 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*

Register at <https://www.sdemsc.org/boot-camp-registration>

# Continuing Education

## Psychiatric, Ventilation, VADs, and Post Resuscitation Care Training

- Iroquois | 08.07.23
- Huron Ambulance | 08.09.23
- Platte Ambulance | 08.14.23
- Douglas County | 08.16.23
- Miner County | 08.21.23
- Tripp Ambulance | 08.22.23
- Parkston Rural | 08.22.23

## Best Practices for OB Patients and Fetal Monitoring USe

- Plakinton Ambulance Association
- 08.08.23

## Airway Competencies

- Jones County Ambulance
- 07.12.23

## ALS/BLS August Quarterly

### Compliance

- Paramedics Logistics South  
Dakota District II
- 08.16.23

## Initial EMT Course

- Custer Ambulance Service
- 08.17.23

## Trauma Continuing Education Student Class

- Deuel County Sheriff
- 08.23.23

## Initial EMT Course

- Lake Area Technical Institute
- 08.24.23
- Virtual Option

## ALS Updates and Assists

- Vermillion Fire EMS
- 08.28.23

## Tyndall August 2023 Training

- Tyndall Ambulance
- 08.28.23

## Initial EMT Course

- Crow Creek Sioux  
Ambulance Service
- 08.31.23

## August EMS Webinar: Concussions & Sports Injury

- District IV Virtual
- 08.31.23 | 7:00 PM

**For more information and more  
upcoming events, visit  
[www.sdems.org/events](http://www.sdems.org/events)**

# I/C Society

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## Join the SDEMSA 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.

