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# South Dakota EMS News

## Message from the President

Hello All. This article is full of information that involves every EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic in the state of South Dakota.

Your organization has been tasked with trying to bring all EMS providers under one roof. This came about due to **SB 101** in the 2023 Legislative Session. As a result, a work group was created to address the concerns and issues.

So, what brought **SB 101** on? It was simple, all EMS providers are to be under one roof. The intention was to make this roof be the South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Rural Health, and Office of EMS – Director Marty Link’s office. This office and the staff are dedicated to this state’s EMRs, EMTs, and other allied healthcare providers. However, the advanced providers are under the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners (SDBMOE), which includes I-85s, I-99s, AEMTs, and Paramedics. SDBMOE is as equally important to prehospital care as Office of EMS is in regulating BLS providers.

The work groups were formed, met regularly both virtually and in-person, and started the tough discussions to bring all EMS providers under one roof. Everyone was asked to be open and the good and bad were discussed at length. All organizations and officers were questioned extensively and asked to justify their actions taken. Some of the rationales were a direct result of Codified Law. This was a heck of a learning session. Some of the rationales were due to the lack of input from our state’s EMTs, AEMTs, Paramedics and other allied healthcare partners. Some of the rationales are due to simple misunderstandings. Some are due to technology, compact membership, and numerous other reasons.

A summary of this work is provided below:

1. Codified Language has been provided by SD BOH and is being reviewed by the stakeholders in the work group.
2. Initial and Continuing education approvals have been streamlined and are being handled by the Office of EMS.
3. Directive for licensing has been given to the SDBMOE by the Secretary of Health, Secretary Magstadt.

Codified Language Summary: All EMS providers will be licensed by the SDBMOE. This brings SD to the same level of verification as our partner states. Office of EMS will be concentrating efforts on necessary data collection and providing improvements to systems of care such as stroke, cardiac, and trauma care. They will also retain ambulance licensing. An EMS advisory group will be appointed by Governor Noem. This advisory group will be required to work hand in hand with SDBMOE to direct actions for the EMS providers in our state. Rules will be promulgated to smooth out licensing and education approvals. Definitions will be updated and brought to industry standards. EMTs, I-85s, and I-99s language will be cleaned up and rules reviewed and updated to industry standards. Fees will be evaluated. As this is only a summary there are numerous and other smaller items, and all will have the opportunity to review legislation when it is completed and available.

# South Dakota EMS News - Continued

## Message from President - Continued

The SDEMSEA has invited SD DOH Secretary Magstadt and her staff to speak at this year's conference. I am encouraged by the SD DOH willingness and their understanding of the needs of EMS providers in our state.

What are the next steps:

- Our association members are challenged to ask tough questions. I do need to remind you that when you ask these tough questions that your answers are to be all encompassing to our providers.
- We need to ensure all EMS providers are brought up to speed. Though our organization was developed to serve its members, it is also a voice for all EMS providers in our state.

Short note, I am looking forward to a great conference this year. District 6 has been working really hard in delivering this. I am pumped for this!

Another short note, your organization performed a needs assessment and developed a strategic plan for us. This was performed in July of 2022. Since then, a lot has happened to bring us up to legal standards, develop professionalism, and most importantly setting the organization up for success in the future. Please attend your district meetings. Your officers need your input and direction, after all, it is you who guides us into the future.

Succession. Definition, as provided by the internet, "a number of people or things sharing a specified characteristic and following one after the other". Every conference we have elections for officers of the SDEMSEA, both at the state and district level. I firmly believe that to ensure our organization's success, we have to have a good succession plan. I will use myself as an example, I am a one and done President. I would like all that would like to replace me to meet so that we can be brought up to speed on the actions of your association. This would allow you to develop a plan of action and discussion points when you are nominated for this position. I would like all officers of the association to consider doing this. Our membership deserves the best that we can offer.

See you all at conference,  
Keith A Sharisky, President SDEMSEA



# South Dakota EMS News - Continued

## Message from the Vice President

Happy Fall, I hope you are all doing well, and we are at the point with temperatures that are enjoyable to be outside. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual EMS Conference in Rapid City at the end of October. I want to let you know that I will not be seeking re-election for the position of Vice President. As I stated when running for this position, I wanted one last term to help set up a guiding course for our great association. I feel the Association has been able to grow and strategically plan for the future and it is my time to sit back and support the association and EMS in South Dakota and its new leadership.

I write this article to ask you all to consider what role do you have in helping EMS in South Dakota. We have many exciting opportunities to be a part of advancement of EMS which includes running for positions at your local district level and the state level. I have had the great honor to serve not only as your Vice President but also President, Treasurer and Training Officer. I started my time with the association as my local treasurer and served as a District Vice President. I feel very honored to have worked alongside many amazing individuals. The dedication and passion for EMS in South Dakota is shown through these people and their accomplishments.

Please take the time to consider serving our Association and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Lastly, it may be Fall but I still don't like pumpkin spice.

-Amy Marsh, Vice President SDEMSA

# South Dakota EMS News - Continued

## Summary of the Updated By-Laws

1. Article I. Membership – Section 1, Subsection 4, Letter D – Nominations for Lifetime membership shall be made to the State Secretary by July 1 of each year.
2. Article I. Membership – Section 1, Subsection 4, Letter E – removed the maximum of five per year.
3. Article I. Membership – Section 3, Subsection 1 – as determined by the Executive Council when approving the annual budget.
4. Article II. Organization – Section 2, Subsection 2 – renaming the Corporate/Membership to Corporate Sponsorship
5. Article V. Committees – Section 1, Subsection 5 – added purpose of the Education Committee – to assist in providing the quality education to our EMS providers, to help save as many lives' as possible and continue to develop effective ways to deliver that education.
6. Article V. Committees – Section 1, Subsection 7 – Add the Corporate Sponsorship Committee
  - a. Shall be composed of a minimum of three individuals as appointed by the State President.
  - b. It will be the responsibility of the Corporate Sponsorship Committee to secure corporate sponsors to ensure EMS is receiving assistance through equipment, education and support to properly protect patients and personnel.
  - c. 6. Article V. Committees – Section 1, Subsection 6 – Add The Political (Advocacy) Committee
  - d. Shall be composed of a minimum of three individuals as appointed by the State President.
  - e. It will be the responsibility of the Political (Advocacy) Committee to:
    - i. To study pending legislation and offer a recommendation to support, to oppose, or to take no position on the legislation to the SDEMSA Executive Council.
    - ii. To consider EMS issues of pertinence that are brought to the attention of the SDEMSA Political (Advocacy) Committee by members of the SDEMSA and to reach consensus on whether to further study the issue and offer a recommendation to the SDEMSA Executive Council or to not consider the issue.
    - iii. Other specific roles as directed by the SDEMSA Executive Council.

# Leadership Spotlights

## **Sheila Monnier**

### ***SDEMSA District I Vice President***

“Several years ago, I came upon an accident and found a person that needed help. I stayed with him until an ambulance came and after that it was always in the back of my mind that I should take an EMT class. It’s not always fun, but i am always glad that I can be there to help someone in their time of need.”



“Being a part of the SDEMSA is great! I have made so many friends from all over the state! These are the folks I can shoot a text to and get a question answered or are there for you when you need a shoulder to lean on. I also know that when I come to conference, I am going to get some good quality education to help maintain my CE hours. I enjoy being the Vice President and being able to be a part of the team that is working to make things better for all EMS providers throughout the state.”

## **Feyet Munshikpu**

### ***SDEMSA District II Vice President***

“[To me, being a member of the SDEMSA means] belonging to a group of people who care about the wellbeing of their communities. Everything we can do within the association is to promote and empower quality care.



“[I became an Emergency Medical Technician] because I thought it was a glorified first aid skill. Coming from Cameroon in Central Africa, I witnessed many people getting hurt and not getting the appropriate care. People are willing to help, but don’t do the right thing. So, I thought by gaining this skill, I could be of some help in the future. And here we are.

# Leadership Spotlights - Continued

## **Michelle Holzbauer**

### ***SDEMSA District III Vice President***

Why did you want to become an EMT? I wanted to help out our community. Since becoming an EMT, it has been eye opening to see all of the responsibilities and decisions the EC has to deal with."



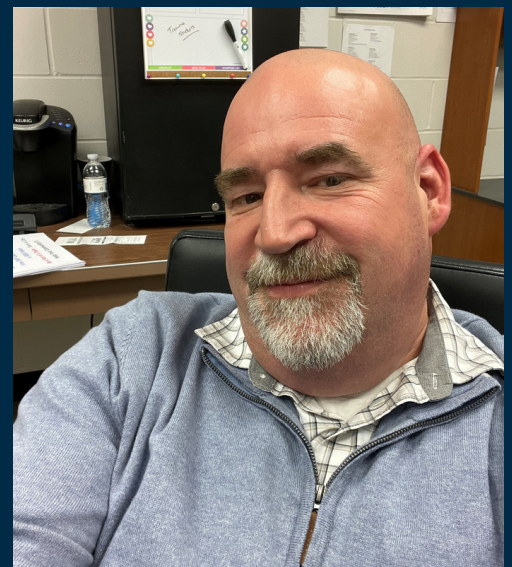
What does it mean to you to be a member of the South Dakota EMS Association? "I like meeting other EMTs to network and bring new ideas back to our service."

What message do you have for the members/potential members of the SDEMSA? "Becoming a member is a great way to stay involved and learn what's new."

## **Chad Madsen**

### ***SDEMSA District IV Vice President***

"I became an EMT in 1991, because I was in the Navy as a US Navy Hospital Corpsman, the military placed me on the ambulance crew at National Naval Medical in Bethesda, MD, and I have been in EMS since. I absolutely love the work and the people I have have worked with.



"Being a member of the South Dakota EMS Association makes me proud. I feel really strongly about education and about trying to retain the people we have out there doing the job. As the EMS Director of Day County, it has given me the opportunity to make much needed contacts to help me with this job and has given me an insight into not just the problems that Day County has seen but also the problems of ambulance services across the state of South Dakota.

# 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

- 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

## District V Training

District V held a training and meeting on August 18, hosted by Murdo Ambulance Service. West Central Electric discussed the dangers of high-power transmission lines. Spoiler alert - don't try to extract someone when power lines are down or touching a vehicle before a company lineman gives the all-clear. West Central also showed what happens to the body when electricity travels through it with an excellent demonstration. Kevin Heath gave us valuable information on grain bin extraction and Kathy Chesney discussed potential injuries and complications from grain bin entrapments and high voltage electricity.



## District IV Training

The Brown County Dive Team members came to the Groton Pool on Thursday, September 7th, to refresh Groton Fire and Rescue on how they can assist on a scene and how to help take care of the community. Groton Fire and Rescue has four people on this team with a couple more going through training. They officially have a technical rescue rig station in Groton with dive equipment ready to deploy.

# Continuing Education

## Diabetic Emergencies

- Platte | 09.11.23
- Huron | 09.13.23
- Howard | 9.18.23
- Iroquois | 09.19.23
- Douglas County | 09.20.23
- Douglas County | 09.20.23
- White Lake | 09.25.23
- Tripp Ambulance | 09.26.23
- Parkston Rural | 09.26.23

## Call to Freedom - Sex Trafficking Training

- Kimball Volunteer
- 09.18.23

## Pediatric Trauma Management

- Tyndall Ambulance Service
- 09.25.23

## Agricultural Trauma Management

- Avera Careflight
- District 3 | Lesterville, SD, Fire District Training
- 09.20.23

## Initial EMT Course

- School of EMS
- 09.18.23

## Airway and Ventilation Management

- Avera Careflight
- 09.19.23

## ALS/BLS Airway

- Statewide (Virtual)
- 09.19.23

## TBI & Kids: Injury and Beyond

- Statewide (Virtual)
- 09.19.23

## White Ambulance Monthly Training

- White Ambulance Service
- 09.19.23

## EMT Updates

- Vermillion Fire & EMS Department
- 09.21.23

## September EMS Webinar: Hunting Emergencies

- District IV & AHEC (Virtual)
- 09.28.23
- 7:00 PM

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

# 2023 SDEMSA State Conference

## 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.

### Information

**Saturday, October 28**

11:50 am - 1:30 pm

#### District Meetings' Room Assignments

- District 1 - Needles Room
  - District 2 - Lincoln Room
  - District 3 - Bear Butte Room
  - District 4 - Badlands Room
  - District 5 - Black Elk Room
  - District 6 - Washington Room
  - District 7 - Rushmore Room
- 1:30 pm EC's Count meeting  
- Black Elk Room

### Food Menu

#### Friday - Lunch

Garden salad with Ranch Dressing, Crispy Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Dixie Coleslaw, Campfire Baked Beans, Buttered Corn, Sweet Dinner Roll with Honey whipped Dinner, Coffee and Tea

#### Saturday - Box Lunch in District Meetings

\*\*Pick up and take to District meeting room\*\*

Sandwich (Roast Beef & Cheese, Shaven Ham & Swiss, or Turkey Wrap), bag of chips, whole fruit, cookie, napkin & flatware and appropriate condiments, and bottled water

#### Saturday - Banquet Dinner

House Salad with 3 choices of dressings, Yankee Pot Roast or Honey Pepper Salmon with Bernaise, Mashed potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea and water, and Assorted Dessert cakes

## SD EMS for Children Boot Camp for Pediatric Champions

Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 1:00-5:00pm at Best Western Ramkota Hotel (Rapid City)

Register at [www.sdemsc.org/boot-camp](http://www.sdemsc.org/boot-camp) | Closes Friday, October 6th, 2023



You must be affiliated with a South Dakota Ambulance service and be a designated Pediatric Champion [www.sdemsc.org/pediatric-champion-registration](http://www.sdemsc.org/pediatric-champion-registration)

- Limit 1 Champion per service
- 4.0 contact hours provided by SD EMSC (Requirements: FULL ATTENDANCE)
- Includes education, skills, and case studies.

This course is FREE and will be followed up with recognition, raffles, and a social hour.

Questions? Email at [sdemseusd.edu](mailto:sdemseusd.edu)

# 2023 SDEMSA State Conference - Continued

## Schedule

### Thursday, October 26, 2023

5:00 pm - 8:00pm

Registration

6:00 pm

Executive Council Meeting

### Friday, October 27, 2023

7:00 am - 8:00 am Registration

8:00 am - 9:20 am Opening Ceremony / Business meeting

9:45 am - 10:45 am Wild Medicine Case Studies in Trauma- Jon Politis

11:00 am - 12:00 am The aCUTE Abdomen - David Page

12:00 am - 1:30 am Buffet Lunch provided with registration

1:30 am - 2:30 pm What's Hot and What's Not? What does the research say? - David Page

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm Sexy Airway Secrets...Achieving High Performance Oxygenation

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm BLINK! What your gut knows before your mind can catch up - David Page

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Vendor Reception Chips & Dip / Cash Bar

7:00 pm Rapid City Rush vs Kansas City Mavericks Hockey Game

- Tickets reserved during conference registration

### Saturday, October 28, 2023

8:00 am - 9:00 am SD Department of Health Office of EMS and Trauma  
Initiatives and Vision for the Future - Marty Link

9:30 am - 10:30 am Care in the Austere...Secrets of care where the ambulance won't go  
- Jon Politis

10:50 am - 11:50 am Cardiac arrest? You need a plunger and a Pit Crew?!- David Page

11:50 am - 1:30 pm District Meetings - Grab your Box Lunch

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Syncope, A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing - Jon Politis

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm You make the call! Cases with a twist...- David Page

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Bleeding like a ... Current Concepts in Hemorrhage Control - Jon Politis

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5:30 pm Cash Bar

6:00 pm Table of Honor

6:30 pm Banquet

9:00 pm Dance

### Sunday, October 29, 2023

7:00 am - 7:50 am Non-Denominational Church Service - Kathy Chesney

8:00 am - 9:00 am Pediatric Emergencies - Dr. Deanna Lassegard

9:20 am - 10:20 am Heading Out! OB - Eric Van Dusen

10:30 am - 11:30 am Review of Refusals - Dr. Deanna Lassegard

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Executive Council meeting



# 2023 SDEMSA State Conference - Continued

## Speaker Biographies

### **Jon Politis**

Jon is a proven and respected emergency services leader and educator. Becoming an EMT in 1971, he has served in many capacities...EMT, firefighter, ski patroller, paramedic, paramedic program director, state EMS official (VT and NY), EMS Chief and Fire Chief.

He has a reputation of integrity and solid leadership in both career and volunteer organizations. He served on the Board of Directors of the National Registry of EMTs, Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions, been co-investigator of original research and authored numerous articles and texts. In 1989 he led the Town of Colonie, NY to consolidate the Town's six Rescue Squads into a single municipal EMS department. He served as the Chief of the Town of Colonie EMS Department from 1989 to 2010 when he retired. During his tenure as Chief, Colonie EMS won two national awards, two regional awards and the New York State EMS service of the year award. In retirement he served as the interim director of a community ambulance service and led them through a consolidation effort with a neighboring agency. He has also served as the Chief of his community volunteer fire department.

He continues to practice as a paramedic, firefighter and ski patroller. He is passionate about the outdoors and is an avid mountaineer and skier. During the summer months he works as a Ranger in Grand Teton National Park where he serves as a member of the Jenny Lake Rescue Team. As a consultant, he works with emergency services organizations providing training through his acclaimed Leadership Programs. He is an accomplished educator and presents on leadership, emergency and wilderness medicine topics at conferences across the United States.

### **David I. Page**

David I. Page, MS, NRP, is the director of the Prehospital Care Research Forum at the University of California, Los Angeles. He has over thirty years of active service in Emergency Medical Services and continues to work as a field paramedic for Allina Health EMS in Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Page is on the national faculty for the National Association of EMS Educator Instructor course, state faculty for Prehospital Trauma Life Support and a site visitor - team captain for the Committee on Accreditation of EMS Programs. Mr. Page serves on several national committees, including the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians' Paramedic Psychomotor Competency Portfolio. This project is revising the United States Paramedic practical exam. He is a research committee member and past chair for the National Association of EMS Educators.

Mr. Page helped with the creation of the associate and bachelor's degrees in emergency health services with the University of Minnesota and Inver Hills Community College. Where he served as tenured faculty for the past 24 years. During that tenure he helped create an EMS academy for low-income inner-city youth and later the Basic Life Support unit of the Saint Paul Fire Department that would employ them. He also served as a member of the Abbott Northwestern Hospital Hypothermia Research and care steering committee, and the Chest Pain Accreditation review committee. He is also the co-creator of Fisdap® an international web-based tracking and evaluation system for paramedic students.

### **Marty Link**

Marty is a dedicated out of the box thinker and problem solver with a proven devotion to leadership, service, and community. Marty has invested over 21 years in his career in state government, currently serving as the Administrator for the Office of EMS and Trauma within the SD Department of Health.

Marty has been blessed to have been surrounded by great leaders and influencers over his lifetime and believes strongly in speaking into the lives of others to bring encouragement, edification, and confidence. The power of a kind smile, firm handshake, and a genuine sincerity towards others are hallmarks in Marty's life.

Marty believes building relationships, expanding knowledge, and listening and learning are paramount to successfully foster effective change; especially, in his service as the state EMS Director for South Dakota.

# 2023 SDEMSA State Conference - Continued

## Speaker Biographies - Continued

### **Eric Van Dusen, NRP, FP-C**

Eric is the Yankton County EMS Administrator that started with them in July. He has been in EMS for 22 years, 20 years as a paramedic. Previously Eric worked for Mountainview Health in Las Vegas in the paramedic program as well as Sanford Health based in Sioux Falls as Lead Simulation Specialist and EMS Educator and a former flight paramedic. His current roll not only supports EMS Education, but rural hospitals and providing education from nursing staff to all levels of providers in every aspect of patient care.

Eric is a past president of the South Dakota EMS Association serving 9 years in that role and being a part of the association since 2005. He also served as the Region 3 Director for the NAEMT for a year until vacating his seat to relocate to Las Vegas. Eric has presented at local, regional, and state conferences and throughout the Midwest over the past decade. Eric has received the SDEMSA president's award in 2010 and awarded lifetime member for commitment to EMS in 2019.

Eric has served on local and regional EMS taskforce committees, and currently serves as a NAEMT membership committee member. Eric resides in Sioux Falls with his wife Dawn of 13 years, has two daughters, stepdaughter and 6 grandchildren.

### **Dr. Deanna Lassegard**

Dr. Lassegard received her EMT training in 2003 and earned her paramedic certification in 2005 which she has kept current.

She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from South Dakota State University and a Doctorate in Medicine from the University of South Dakota. She did her residency training in Emergency Medicine at East Carolina University in Greenville NC where she was chief resident. Dr. Lassegard is passionate about EMS education and oversight and is actively involved in all of her medical directorship roles.

Dr. Lassegard has experience with medical direction for austere and wilderness medical teams, mine rescue EMS teams, rural and urban EMS teams, critical care and community paramedicine teams, and fire departments. She is experienced in all facets of medical direction: credentialing, quality assurance and improvement, protocol review and writing and continuing education. She also has experience with implementing a critical care ground ambulance transportation service, starting a community paramedic program, merging and purchasing of ambulance services and expanded scope protocol implementation.

She says, "Working with Emergency Medical Services to help them reach their goals, whether that be educational or service oriented, is the greatest professional honor and endeavor. I am so proud of what the teams I have worked with have been able to accomplish. I never cease to be amazed at what a dedicated group of EMTs and paramedics can accomplish."

Outside of her work with medical direction, Dr. Lassegard is a working board-certified emergency physician. She is actively involved in many EMS societies and with EMS advocacy. She enjoys the outdoors of the Black Hills she calls home with her husband and 2 children.

**For more information about the speakers or anything state conference related, please visit <https://sdemsa.org/Conference>**

**District VI is proud to be your host for the 2023 SDEMSA Conference. If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach out to them at: [Conference@SDEMSA.org](mailto:Conference@SDEMSA.org)**

# SDEMSA Instructor/Coordinator Society

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## 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.

## SDEMSA Instructor/Coordinator Society October 26, 2023:

### Annual Meeting

from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm MST at Ramkota Hotel - Rapid City

### Training Event - David Page

from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm MST

Join us for an enriching day of professional development at the IC Society's highly anticipated annual meeting! This event promises to be a valuable experience for all active association members and IC Society members. Following the meeting, we invite you to stay with us from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm MST for an exclusive training event expertly led by the esteemed David Page.

**This training event has been thoughtfully designed to empower educators with practical knowledge and insights in the following areas:**

#### 1. Teaching to the Psychomotor Domain (Hands-On Learning):

Discover effective techniques and strategies for engaging your students in hands-on, experiential learning, allowing them to master practical skills with confidence.

**2. Fostering Student-Centered Learning:** Explore innovative approaches to student-centered education, empowering your students to take an active role in their learning journey and fostering a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

**3. Preparing Your Students for High-Stakes Exams (Including the NREMT):** Gain invaluable insights into best practices for equipping your students with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in high-pressure examinations, including the NREMT.

This event presents a unique and invaluable opportunity for both novice and seasoned instructors to enhance their teaching prowess. Whether you're involved in initial training or continuing education, our training event will equip you with the tools you need to elevate your teaching to new heights.

We look forward to welcoming you and embarking on this educational journey together. Your commitment to excellence in instruction is our top priority.

**Registration information can be found at  
[www.sdemsa.org/icsociety](http://www.sdemsa.org/icsociety)**

*\*Registration and active IC Society membership is required for the training event*

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