

# EMT Thoughts



## EMS World Expo 2023

The EMS World Expo (September 20 - 22) features high-impact classes presented by leading EMS Experts from around the world. This years conference will include

- Community Paramedicine
- Critical Care
- Education
- And more!

SD EMS Association members have access to:

- Unlimited free exhibit hall passes (Code SDEMSAXPO)

**AND**

- Unlimited \$100 discount on 3 - day conference passes (Code SDEMSEA)

### March 27

Virtual IC Society  
Training - EMS  
Education Standards

### March 30

Virtual Continuing  
Education - EMS  
Incident Command

### April 27

Virtual Continuing  
Education - Severe  
Weather

## Message from the President:

Hello everyone. Some things that are of importance to our organization. I will be in Pierre on Thursday March 2nd to support SB 101. At the time of this note amendments are coming from the House of Representatives. With these amendments this restores some protections that had been removed from the original bill. Your State Treasurer, District Treasurer's, and Financial Committee are working towards bringing the finances in order to meet IRS Tax Codes. Your District Presidents are working hard in keeping all informed. These are dynamic times that require this communication. They have been contacting me with some pretty important questions, ideas, and changes. You have some great and dedicated Presidents. Our State Vice President has returned from a class and has learned a lot. I am looking forward to our Council Meeting in April. One thing that I am hoping that we discuss will be adding a clause to the Conference Contract with host Motel / Convention Center site that will protect both them and the SDEMSEA. There are a lot of great people working behind the lines for you all. If you get a chance tell them thank you, they really are working hard for you.

Keith A. Sharisky, SDEMSEA President



## Treasurer's Report:

Hello fellow EMS providers! We are sitting well financially as an association and are using funds to improve the association. It is tax season, and I am working with our accountant to get all the district accounts and the main account financials combined together to send into the IRS. As all the SDEMSEA accounts, both district and state level, share the same Tax ID, they will all be filed together. The financial committee is working on getting some rock-solid financial policies and procedures in place and also working to increase the level of financial transparency and security. We are also working with our banking institution to get some background workflow established. In order to establish other sources of sustainable revenue for the association, the Executive Council has made the decision to begin selling our license plate decals online. Those are available on our website in the online store. If you can not view the online store, you should check your membership to make sure your dues are current. Only active members have access to the online store.



**HB 1023:** An Act to make an appropriation for the construction of a maintenance shop for the Wildland

Fire Suppression Division in Rapid City and to declare an emergency. They are asking for \$1,325,058 to design and erect this shop.

- 2-14 Scheduled for Hearing Room 362—8:00—Deferred to 2-23

## Legislative Updates:

**HB 1007:** An Act to add emergency medical services personnel to Class B public safety membership of the South Dakota Retirement System. This puts EMS along with other public service personnel (Firemen, Police, and etc.) This applies to those who are full time and paid.

- 2-15 Referred to Senate Retirement Laws

**HB 1022:** An Act to make an appropriation for increased costs related to the construction of the new state public health laboratory, and to declare an emergency. They are asking for \$12,800,000 for cost increase for the project established under 2022 Session.

- 2-13 Scheduled for Hearing Room 362, Deferred to 2-21

**HB 1024:** An Act to make an appropriation for the construction of a maintenance shop for the Wildland Fire Suppression Division in Hot Springs and to declare an emergency. They are asking for \$1,200,000 to design and construct this shop.

- 2-14 Scheduled for Hearing Room 362-8:00—Deferred to 2-23

**HB 1026:** An Act to make an appropriation for costs related to suppression of wildfires in the state and to declare an emergency. This is an annual ask this year's amount is \$2,463,207.

- 2-13 Signed by the Governor

**HB 1027:** An Act to make an appropriation for costs related to disasters in the state and to declare an emergency. This is an annual ask and this year's amount is \$2,524,560.

- 2-13 Signed by the Governor

**HB 1044:** An Act to make an appropriation to fund scholarships for individuals entering into the Behavioral health field. This is a first time asking with the amount of \$20,000,000 to receive training and then must practice in the State.

- 2-23 Scheduled for Hearing Room 362-8:00

**HB 1059:** An Act to establish a certification for community paramedics. This just establishes to certification for those who have taken a community health worker class. (The intent of the bill is to create a certification in SD to allow community paramedics. This health care model maximizes the use of emergency care resources and enhances access to primary care for medically underserved population.)

- 2-21 Scheduled for Hearing Room 412—7:45

## Legislative Updates:

**HB 1079:** An Act to make an appropriation to the Department of Health to provide grants to support mental health and suicide prevention programs, and to declare an emergency. The sum of \$4,000,000 used to support programs for youth and young adults.

- 2-23 Scheduled for Hearing Room 362—8:00

**HB 1113:** An Act to allow property tax rates for an ambulance district to vary based on property classification. This would set up classifications of different tax rates such as schools have.

- 1-24 Withdrawn at the request of the sponsor



**SB 25:** An Act to make an appropriation to reimburse health care professionals who have complied with the requirements for health care recruitment assistance programs and to declare an emergency. This is annual ask for those who will return to practice in rural SD an amount of \$1,182,987.

- Hearing Waived 2-16 House DO PASS 69-0

**HB 1119:** An Act to classify 911 telecommunications as Class B members of the South Dakota Retirement System. They attempted this recently but they have not completed all the paperwork like Shawn did to EMS hopefully moved into Class B.

- 2-8 Scheduled for Hearing Room 413-3:00-Tabled 4-0

**HB 1127:** An Act to make an appropriation to support volunteer fire departments. This is acting like a place holder for a dollar amount to be added later.

- Amended to read \$5,000 from \$1 DO PASS 9-0

**HB 1155:** An Act to add dental practices as eligible facilities to participate in the rural health care recruitment assistance program. This would add dental to the recruitment for physicians and others if they return to practice in rural community

- 2-14 Referred to Senate Health and Human Services

**HCR 6004:** A Concurrent Resolution, Encouraging the Executive Board of the Legislature to authorize an interim study of the licensure and nomenclature of emergency medical and advanced life support personnel.

- 2-3 Motion to move to the 41st Day 5

**HCR 6009:** A Concurrent Resolution, Encouraging the Executive Board of the Legislature to establish a taskforce to address the standardization of outdoor emergency warning system activation policies.

- 2-3 Motion to move to the 41st Day 10-3

**SB 27:** An Act to place certain substances on the controlled substances schedule and to declare an emergency. This is an annual bill to add chemicals to the list it started out about 3 pages and is now 18pages.

- 2-13 Signed by the Governor

## DISTRICT I

District I had the privilege of recognizing one of our fire fighters at the Mt. Oyster feed. Merle Gulbranson has served the community as a Firefighter / EMT since 1979 and is still an active member today.



## DISTRICT II

District II just finished their annual refresher at the Hefty Morton Center, Rural Baltic, with 58 attendees.

Canton Volunteer Fire and Worthing Community Fire and Rescue hosted an EMR class jointly with 7 students taking their final certification!



## DISTRICT III



SDEMSA District III wants to thank Avon Save-A-Life Ambulance Service, and especially Dennis Dodge for hosting a great class last Saturday February 18th and for the awesome lunch.

Also want to thank all the participants that were in the class. We had Paramedics, I-85's EMT's and even a student.

## DISTRICT IV

District IV hosted its annual refresher on February 17th. Over 20 hours, participants heard from speakers like Sanford Health, SD EMS for Children, and Minneapolis Heart Institute, and learned about topics like Triage, Pediatric Emergency, and Stroke Education.



## DISTRICT V

On February 18, 2023, 65 EMS, Firefighters and Law Enforcement personnel attended a Hybrid & Electrical Vehicle class in Philip SD, taught by the Energy Security Agency. The class was sponsored by Philip Ambulance Service, Philip Healthcare System, Philip Fire Department and SDEMSA District V in the effort to keep the class free to all students. After a morning class time the afternoon was spent investigating various hybrid vehicles and a brand new Ford Lightning electric pickup belonging to West Central Electric and practicing different scenarios.



## DISTRICT VI

District VI sponsored an in-person only, NREMT & SD EMT ALS refresher in Box Elder, SD. EMT & First Responders were welcome & encouraged to attend. The 20-hours offered met the full refresher requirements for the EMT level. For advanced levels, the 20 hours counted as ALS hours towards recertification.

## DISTRICT VII

District 7 hosted a 20 hour refresher on Friday, February 25. Participants learned about Mental Health, Concussions, Trauma, and Trench Emergency.



# Join the IC Society!

Complete the NAEMSE Instructor One class virtually. Upon completion of the course you can apply for your Instructor Coordinator certification in South Dakota.



## Upcoming Events

### CURRENT EMS Education Standards

Tuesday, March 27, 2023  
7:00 pm CT/6:00 pm MT  
on Zoom

### IC Society Strategic Planning

Saturday, April 15, 2023  
Time: TBD  
Chamberlain &  
will have virtual option

Be on the lookout for an email with more information and links to registration!

## IC Society Officers

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### Cooperative Purchasing and Current Supply Trends

NPPGov is excited to present an education 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
- NPP Gov Public Safety GPO, how it works, and how it can save you time and money on products you use every day.



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