

Upcoming Events

District III - First Responder Training

- April 13 6:00 PM | Central Electric Cooperative

District III - Business Meeting

- April 15 12:30 PM | Platte Fire Station

I/C Society Strategic Planning

- April 15 | Chamberlain

District I - Continuing Education Class: Special Healthcare Needs

- April 17 | Miner County Ambulance Service

District IV - Mock Crash

- April 17 | Groton Rescue



EMS World Expo 2023

SD EMS Association members have access to:

- Unlimited free exhibit hall passes (Code SDEMSAXPO)
- Unlimited \$100 discount on 3 - day conference passes (Code SDEMSEA)

Note from Vice President

I hope this article find you all doing well and enjoying the new layout for the EMT Thoughts. I am excited to see the changes being made to make this a better association for all of us. If you haven't taken the time to see the updates to our website, please check out www.sdems.org. We know there are still updates to be made but it is looking great.

I had the opportunity to travel to Indianapolis, IN in February as a representative of our association at the State EMS Associations meeting. I was able to attend a few classes on management of EMS associations and see what other states are able to offer their members. I will be sharing a list of items with our Executive Council at the April meeting and if anyone would like to review, please let me know.

The SDEMSA I/C Society will be hosting a strategic planning session on April 29 in Chamberlain. As educators we need to identify the direction and needs of our students both with initial and continuing education.

The By-Law Committee will be meeting and working on the Policy and Procedures Manual. As you may remember we completely updated our By-Laws in 2022 with the intent of moving a number of items to the P&P Manual. The time is now to start that process and we will be providing updates as they are available.

If you would like to serve on any of the committees, please contact State President Keith Sharisky as we are always looking for help in making our association the best for it's members. Stay Safe, Humble and Kind. Keep doing great things.

– Amy Marsh, SD EMSA Vice President



State Spends 11.6 Million to update equipment for South Dakota Ambulance Services



"Dozens of ambulance services in rural South Dakota have been operating for years with outdated or broken patient care tools because agencies don't have enough money to purchase new equipment, but that's beginning to change thanks to an infusion of funding.

The Governor and state lawmakers approved three initiatives in 2022 that allocated up to \$20 million for EMS, hoping to bolster ambulance services in the state. The largest portion of the funds are starting to be distributed to ambulance services across the state - patient monitors and defibrillators, training and distribution fees, and eight years of support service and data integration for LIFEPAK 15.

That "means everything" to the EMS workers and volunteers of South Dakota, said Keith Sharisky, training section chief at Aberdeen Fire & Rescue and president of the South Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association.

"These are the people who are willing to risk everything to save your life," Sharisky said. "They're the ones who will come along at 2 A.M. and work to save your life. They deserve the proper equipment and training to do that."

All 122 licensed ambulance services are eligible for the tools, but ambulance services that had malfunction devices, models that no longer transmit information, or outdated devices were eligible for the earliest round of distribution."

Legislative Updates:

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.

- **3-16 Signed by the Governor**



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.

- **3-9 Signed by the Governor**

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.

- **3-23 Signed by the Governor**

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.

- **3-16 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 Tabled DO PASS 18-0

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.)

- **3-17 Signed by the Governor**

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.

- **3-23 Signed by the Governor**

Legislative Updates:

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

- **3-16 Signed by the Governor**

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

- **3-23 Signed by the Governor**

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.

- **3-2 Signed by the Governor**

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 18 pages.

- **2-13 Signed by the Governor**

SB 38: An Act to replace the emergency alert system and other technology, to make an appropriation therefore, and to declare an emergency. Asking 2,173,400

- **2-14 Tabled Do Pass 18-0**

SB 75: An Act to provide for licensure by endorsement for certain licensed professional and occupation. Emergency medical technicians and responders are included in this bill

- **3-2 Signed by the Governor.**

SB 78: An Act to create the SD Board of Physical Therapy and make appropriation therefore. Pulling the therapist away from the Board of Medical and Osteopathic.

- **3-9 Signed by the Governor.**

SB 101: An Act to provide the Department of Health with oversight authority for the provision of emergency medical services. Move the advanced into the DoH and away from BMO.

- 3-2 Scheduled for Hearing Room - Moved to the 41st Day

SB 121: An Act to make appropriation to support firefighter training efforts in the state. 3.8 million for a grant.

- **2-23 Tabled Do Pass**

SB 126: An Act to expand the availability of emergency services in state parks. Require 24 hour emergency services including dispatch, ambulance, and search and rescue.

- 2-7 Moved to 41st Day



District News

DISTRICT I

On March 6, The Elkton Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance went live with Avel eCare. They had a great training session!



DISTRICT III

District II held a 20-hour refresher on March 17 in Chamberlain, South Dakota.



DISTRICT IV

SDEMSA District IV teamed up with SDEFFA Northeast District to train together on Saturday, March 25, 2023. The event was held in the Aberdeen Civic Center. All the Classes offered contained EMS hours. District IV members attended the three (3) hour *Commanding the Chaos* class in the morning and then the three (3) hour EMS/Fire Round Table in the afternoon. A total of 70 EMTs and Firefighters attended the training. *Dakota News Now* did a story on the event that aired Monday, March 27, 2023.

Event Calender

DISTRICT II

Assisting Individuals in Crisis

- April 24 8:00 AM | Hartford Area Fire

2023 Quarterly Training

- April 24 1:00 PM | Paramedics
Logistics South Dakota

Refresher Course: Cardiac Arrest

- May 01 | TBD

DISTRICT IV

Continuing Education Class: Mock Crash

- April 17 8:30 AM | Groton Rescue

Continuing Education Class: Special Healthcare Needs

- April 19 | Huron

Emergency Care Continuing Education Webinar

- April 27 | Virtual

DISTRICT V

Continuing Education Class: Respiration

- May 17 | 7 PM
- Highmore Fire Department/Ambulance

20 Hour Refresher

- June 9 - 11 2023
- Pierre, SD | River City Transit Building

DISTRICT I

Continuing Education Class:

Special Healthcare Needs

- April 05 | Carthage
- April 17 | Miner County

Continuing Education Class:

Cardiac Arrest

- May 3 | Carthage
- May 15 | Miner County

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- April 13 6:00 PM | Central Electric

Business Meeting

- April 15 12:30 PM | Platte Fire Station

Continuing Education Class: Central Nervous System Injury

- April 17 8:00 PM | Gregory Ambulance Association

DISTRICT VI

Continuing Education Class: SURF ERT

- April 6 2023
- Sanford Underground Research Facility

Continuing Education Care: Post Resuscitation Care

- April 19, 2023 | 6:30 PM
- Box Elder VFD

Continuing Education Class: OB Emergencies

- May 17, 2023 | 6:30 PM
- Rockerville VFD

DISTRICT VII

No Upcoming Events

Join the IC Society!

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The Instructor/ Coordinator Society hosted a quarterly meeting that outlined and went into details on the Current EMS Education Standards on Tuesday, March 28.

Be on the lookout for registration links for the upcoming Strategic Planning Session on April 29!



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.

www.nppgov.com/association/sdemsas

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

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