



North Dakota EMS Association August Newsletter

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Regional Conferences

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Southwest:

The SW region conference will be held September 26-27, 2015 along with the preconference put on by Regions Burn Center and SIM- ND on September 25th. Medora Community Center, Medora, North Dakota
You can view the classes and other conference information [here](#).

Northwest:

The NW region conference will

Dear Association Members,

As we approach the Labor Day holiday weekend we can now honestly say that summer is for the most part behind us. Unfortunately these three months just go by way too fast. On a positive note we have a few more "hot summer" days ahead of us before the upcoming holiday! This update has a number of items as we approach fall. The regional conferences are approaching quickly, and an October 5th date has been set for the next quarterly NDEMSEA meeting. We also have a number of members expiring at the end of this year, I hope you will consider staying with us and renewing your membership today. I sincerely appreciate your support of the ND EMS Association.

Curtis Halmrast

President, NDEMSEA

[The First North Dakota EMS Management Conference Held](#)

The North Dakota EMS Association hosted its first EMS Management Conference August 4th and 5th in Bismarck at the Ramada

The 2015 SW Regional Conference



The Southwest Region EMS Conference is being held September 26th and 27th, 2015 at the Medora Community Center. This year, NDEMSEA is excited to partner up with North Dakota Safety Council to offer Oil and Gas Training to Emergency First Responders.

The weekend is going to start with a preconference Friday, September 25th with the Region's Burn Center. Regions Burn Center is partnering with SIM ND to provide an afternoon of classroom and hands-on burn training. A few of the topics Regions will be covering are

All information including the brochure, hotel information, topics, registration is available on our website mid November

Southeast:

The SE region conference will be held the following weekend on January 29-31, 2016 at the Quality Inn & Suites in Jamestown.

All information including the brochure, hotel information, topics, registration will be available mid November.

Northeast:

The NE region conference will be held a couple weekends later on February 20-21, 2016 at the Red Roof Townhouse in Grand Forks.

All information including the brochure, hotel information, topics, registration will be available early December.

For all your conference updates and needs visit www.ndemsa.org

Please be sure to book your HOTEL EARLY! Hotel room blocks book quickly!

NDEMSEA Board Meeting

October 5th, 2015 at 12:00 pm, NDEMSEA will be holding it's quarterly board meeting at the Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND.

The agenda for the meeting will

enters on both the local and regional were asked to lecture for this evening on matters important to EMS agencies in the state.

The conference began Tuesday afternoon on topics regarding Staff Orientation, Systems Development, Multi-Tasking, Group Purchasing, Working with Medical Directors and Resiliency in EMS. The final session of the day was a dinner session which began with Tom Fennell talking about the Savvik Buying Group and what it does for both NDEMSEA and the EMS Institute and then our national presenter Jess Fulkerson shared the importance of having a mentor and how we can all be a mentor. A networking social was held for all attendees following the final general session. Throughout the conference SIM-ND was present to share with EMS leaders what the simulation program was and to sign up services for training. On Wednesday Elizabeth Pihlaja from the EMSC Program at DEMST was on hand to talk about the EMSC program and give the attendees some free pediatric materials.

Wednesday's topics included Improving the Quality of your Organization, HIPAA, Clinical Issues and Remediation, Burnout in EMS, Working with Difficult People, and Recruitment, Onboarding, and Retention. The conference presenters and representatives from NDEMSEA and the Division of EMS and Trauma represented the panel in which attendees could address questions and concerns regarding relevant EMS matters or on what they learned while attending the conference. This panel discussion completed this conference, with many attendees even staying beyond the posted end time as there was great discussion on funding grants, education, and employee issues.

The association would like to extend a special thank you to Tom Fennell, Randy Fischer, Jess Fulkerson, Mike Grill, PJ Hardy, Ken Reed, Dr. Jeff Sather, Sherm Syverson, and Diane Witteman for sharing your experiences and expertise with the 76 attendees. Also, we appreciate the support and partnership of the Division of EMS and Trauma and the UND Center for Rural Health Flex Program. The Rural Assistance Center also was very kind and provided bags,

resuscitation, medication administration, and upper and lower respiratory distress.

Saturday will have a wide variety of breakout sessions featuring both LCCR and NCCR hours. Topics include HazMat, Oil & Gas Emergencies, Geriatric Emergencies, Landing Zone Safety, Pipeline Emergency Response, Mass Casualty, Developing a Culture of Safety in your Squad, Airway, Roles of Research, Cardiac Issues in Pediatric Patients, and Oxygenation.

On Saturday night, there will be a SIM truck challenge from 7 to 9 for ALS and BLS. Teams will compete in 10 minutes scenarios. The participants will be judged on teamwork, patient outcome, and communication. The winning team will receive a traveling trophy and a chance to compete at the EMS Rendezvous Conference in 2016. The SIM trucks will also be around Saturday and Sunday and two educational topics will be available.

Sunday sessions include Spinal Immobilization, Immunological Diseases, Chest Pain, Human Trafficking, Airway Management, Pediatric Transport, Patient Lifting, and Termination Decisions. The Southwest meeting will be held on Sunday as well.

Registration for the SW conference will be available August 15th, 2015. There is still time to book your hotel under the NDEMSEA block at the American Inn Motel and Suites for 82.10 a night. The block will be closed August 24th. We hope to see you in September.



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:: MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

One year to December 31, 2016: \$40.00

Two years to December 31, 2017 \$60.00

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If you expire 12/31/2015 get your membership renewal in soon!

hts, and notepads for Belinda Hilfer and all of the staff at the Ramada were so great to work with and contributed to a great conference as well!

The 1st EMS Management conference was considered a success and we hope to be able to make it an annual event. If you have suggestions for topics or other ideas for a future EMS management conference, please contact the office at 701-221-0567 or ndemsa.office@ndemsa.org

NDEMSA Strategic Planning Session

On August 22 and 23, 2015 members of the Board of Directors of the North Dakota EMS Association met at Lake Metigoshe to conduct a strategic planning session. The purpose of the planning session was to develop a course of action for the Association to follow for the next two to five years. Specific objectives of the planning session were considered:

Leadership Transition, Board Involvement, Social Media and Networking, Education, and Association Membership and Communication.

The board members brain-stormed on ways to improve the following areas. The full strategic plan report will be released mid October. The report will be reviewed October 5th, 2015 at the Quarterly NDEMSA board meeting. The meeting is at noon at The Ramada Inn, Bismarck ND. Call 701-221-0567 for more details.

Two Year Membership Discount for those Expiring 12/31/2015

Once again, NDEMSA is offering a 10% discount on 2 year memberships for those who expire on or before 12/31/2015!

NDEMSA has many activities planned for the upcoming year and we want to make sure you don't miss out! Here are just a few-

- More in service trainings
- NDEMSA will be hiring an Education Coordinator who will be in charge of organizing and developing educational programs for the association.
- The 41st EMS Rendezvous Conference in April
- Four regional conferences held throughout the year
- The 2nd Annual EMS Conference
- New discounts with NCEMSC

If you are interested in taking advantage of this special offer; please send the attached registration form along with payment to

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year memberships.

We look forward to your continued membership with North Dakota EMS Association and hope to see you at the 41st EMS Rendezvous Conference April 7-9th 2016!

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