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SE Minnesota EMS Regional Update

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By: Don Hauge, Executive Director

We are nearly a month into 2013 already. It is hard to believe how fast time goes by! We have a lot going on at the Regional office this time of year. Here are a few items that I would like to review with you.

REFRESHER TIME!!!!

As many of you know, Cathy Anderson joined our staff as the new Full-time Education Coordinator in December. She has been VERY busy since she started and we are very grateful to have her in that position! It is that time of year when EMT's think about recertification. We have a few recertification classes in progress currently. If your service is in need of a recertification class, please give Cathy a call and she will help you. FIRST RESPONDERS also need to be aware of their expiration date so they do not accidentally expire their certification. Even services that are members of the Medical Direction Consortium are still responsible to make sure that their members are not expired. You are not automatically renewed because you are members of the consortium, your service members must meet a minimum number of training hours from attending consortium classes during the two year period (16 hours) PLUS renewing your CPR certification and setting up a skills test out with our office. If your expiration date is more than a year ago, you MAY need to take the entire First Responder (EMR) class over again! So make sure you don't let that happen to you!!!

REMINDER, Diane Benson retired from the Regional Office on December 23rd. Cathy Anderson is now taking care of all training and Consortium issues. Please contact Cathy for any of your questions or concerns. Cathy's email is anderson.catherine@mayo.edu

SE EMS "Heroes Among Us" Conference March 15 & 16!

Our annual SE EMS Conference is coming up quickly! This year's conference should be another good one for our providers. ONE BIG CHANGE to the schedule that was mailed out in the brochure has to do with our National Speaker, Ken Bouvier. Ken called me about two weeks ago and regretfully had to cancel his participation at our conference (and 5 others) due to some personal health concerns. I know many were looking forward to Ken's return to our conference but we certainly understand his concerns and our thoughts and prayers are with him. He has promised that he will return to our conference when he is better. We have gotten a replacement for Ken who is well known on the National Conference circuit and lives right in our back yard. Dave Page who is an Educator for Inver Hills College and a long time Paramedic for Allina has

agreed to fill in for Ken. Dave has many interesting presentations and will be an outstanding addition to our conference. I am confident that you will like his presentations and he will do a great job! For more information on Dave Page, please go to our Website and click on the Conference page. Dave's presentations that will be presented are listed there. Our conference has again been approved for 14 P.O.S.T. credits used by Law Enforcement, so we are hoping to see many of our Law Enforcement colleagues at the conference this year! Please have your members REGISTER EARLY as there is a \$25/day difference in price if you register after FEBRUARY 22, 2013. Hope to see you all at the Conference!!!!

Uncompensated Care email Survey

Ambulance Services, First Responder and Fire Departments should have received an email Survey in the last few days asking questions about Uncompensated Care. This survey is being done to show the Legislature how much uncompensated care is being done by services throughout Minnesota in hopes that they will not make EMS funding cuts and perhaps even increase funding sources. This survey is time sensitive, so please fill it out ASAP!

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Upcoming Courses.....

I have posted all of the upcoming courses that have been sent to me on our website and will continue to do so as they come in, so please pass this website address: www.seems.com on to all of your crew members so they can check it out as well. Also, keep sending me those classes, people are checking our website for courses on a daily basis so it is FREE advertising for you! You can't beat that!!!!

CEVO CLASS NEEDS.....

I am also looking for services that are in need of a CEVO class in the spring and might be willing to host it. We require at least 12 participants to hold the class but will advertise it on our website so other services can send their people who need the course as well.

PROGRAM NEEDS OR IDEAS.....

I am looking for your ideas for new programs that the Regional Program might be able to provide in the future. Maybe there was a program in the past that you liked and is no longer available? Please share those ideas with me by sending me an email. We are coming up on the time when we propose the programs that we will support for the next two years so it is important to me to know what you are thinking especially if there is training or equipment needs that you or other services may have. Your ideas will be brought to our Prehospital Advisory Committee at their February 26th meeting. Those programs that are recommended by the PAC committee are then taken to our Joint Powers Board for approval.

Thank you for all you do and please be safe! Let me know if we can help you in any way!

Don