

By: Don Hauge, Executive Director

Summer has begun and we sure are feeling the effects in the SE Region! Many of you are dealing with wet basements, fields that cannot be planted or have been drown out due to the recent heavy rains and flooding. Road and property damage is widespread throughout our Region! Our thoughts, prayers and sincere appreciation go out to all of you dealing with your own personal issues with the weather but still answering the 911 calls for help from those in your communities! It is that type of dedication to your communities that make you special and dare I say, Heroes to those around you! Thank you for all you do to keep our communities safe!!!

Summer is a time when the Regional Office activities “wind down” a bit. There are a few less classes because of summer activities but the work in the Regional office continues none the less. We are working on several items and here are a few activities and opportunities I would like to highlight for you.....



(Pictures are from various EMS Week events in the Region)

First Responder/EMT Training Subsidy Application.....

FIRST RESPONDER/EMT TRAINING SUBSIDY **APPLICATION FOR TRAINING FUNDS** **July 1, 2013 - June 20, 2014**

Regional EMS funds are again available to official First Responder Squads in Southeastern Minnesota for the following courses: **First Responder Certification, First Responder Recertification, Emergency Medical Technician Certification, and Emergency Medical Technician Recertification.** A squad can apply for EMS funds to meet the training needs of both new and current members. Following is the allocation per person for each program:

First Responder Certification (\$175)
First Responder Recertification (\$100)
EMT Certification (\$300)
EMT Recertification (\$125)

First Responder/EMT Training Subsidy Application... (Continued)

BLS ambulance services who have a hardship variance and are using First Responders on their service CAN apply for the FR training funds! They are not, however, eligible for the EMT training funds because they are available through the EMSRB. Ambulance services only need to complete contact info and # to be trained.

NOTE: Acceptance of application does not guarantee payment for all requests for reimbursement. Eligible reimbursements are paid on a first come, first served basis until the funds allocated for the fiscal year have been depleted.

NOTE: Subsidy is limited to *FOUR members per year for EMT Certification OR Recertification*. Individuals must have a *minimum of TWO YEARS on an official First Responder Squad to be eligible*.

Application can be returned via email, fax, or mail *BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.*

Application forms are available on our website or at the link below:

<http://www.seems.com/first-responderemt-training-subsidy.html>



Minnesota Mission: Lifeline.....

I sent this notice out to all of our Ambulance Services in the Region as well as to our ED Nurse Managers. This project covers all of Minnesota (except area's designated as Metropolitan) and will provide equipment and training for BLS and ALS Ambulance Services to quickly identify patients having heart attacks (STEMI's). Please sit in on this webinar to get more information!!

Minnesota Mission: Lifeline

Informational Webinar – Minnesota

Thursday, June 27, 2013

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Toll Free Number: 1-888-455-9766 * Participant passcode: 4542808

Online: URL: <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join/>

Conference number: PG1539817

Audience passcode: 4542808

Participants can join the event directly at:

<https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PG1539817&p=4542808&t=c>

Facilitators: Mindy Cook, RN, BSN, Director Mission: Lifeline North Dakota & Minnesota

Gary Myers, MS, NREMT, Director Mission: Lifeline South Dakota & EMS Consultant for Midwest Affiliation

Regional Ambulance Directors Meeting.....

Reminder of the Ambulance Managers meeting is July 24th at 6:30 at the Gold Cross Main Station Conference Rooms.

NOTE: New this meeting – bring your inspection book!!!

We will begin our 1st module of the Ambulance Managers Consortium discussion and cover the regulatory portion of ambulance inspections.

We had a GREAT turnout at our last meeting, we hope to see you there on July 24th!



Cooper Sam's Longevity Program.....

Reminder the Copper Sam's Longevity Program information is now available on the EMSRB Website and was emailed to all ambulance managers. **Please submit Cooper Sam's information to the EMSRB no later than August 1, 2013.**

Do you have retirees who are over 50 and have at least 5 Cooper Sam's Credit years? Don't forget they can claim their award. For more information contact Holly Hammann-Jacobs at 507-523-3302.

Communications Exercise a HUGE Success!!!

Thank you to all who participated in the most recent SECOMEX13 Communications Exercise. The exercise was a huge success, we had 35 ambulance services participate with 32 of them meeting the 80% or above standard required. The familiarity with the systems we use during disaster by our volunteers makes things run very efficiently and verify we are effectively able to gather the resources we need. Thanks for all you do for your community and Southeast MN.

New Education Standards Mandatory Meetings Set.....

The new National Education Standards information will soon be released by the EMSRB. All Education Program Coordinators **MUST** attend a Regional Education Standards Seminar to be re-approved as an Education Program.

Southeast EMS and the EMSRB have set two dates and locations to attend one of the meetings.

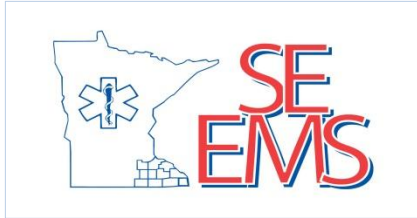
- **Rochester July 17, 2013 6 – 9 p.m. @ RCTC Heintz Center, Rm. HB-113, 1926 College View Road East, Rochester**
- **Winona August 7, 2013 6 – 9 p.m. @ Winona Ambulance, 370 West 2nd Street, Winona**

An email with a registration form attached was sent out by Holly Hammann-Jacobs. Please fill out the registration form (include all instructors from your training program who will attend) and send it to the SE Minnesota EMS office.

Please call if you have any questions.



Introducing Monthly CPR Classes.....



We are pleased to introduce . . . Monthly AHA CPR Classes.

The SE EMS office will now start holding CPR classes on the first and third Tuesdays of each month starting in August of 2013.

The first Tuesday of each month we will hold an *American Heart Association Healthcare Provider* class. Two classes will be scheduled each day; 1pm – 5pm and 6pm – 10pm. Cost: \$65.00 per person.

The third Tuesday of each month we will offer an *American Heart Association Heartsaver /AED* class. Two classes will be scheduled each day; 1pm – 5pm and again from 6pm – 10pm. Cost: \$65.00 per person.

These classes will be held in the conference room of the SE EMS office at 1130 ½ 7th St NW, Ste 201, Rochester, MN 55901. Pre-registration and payment is required prior to the start of class.

For more information or registration please call our office at 507-536-9333.

CPR “Save” Pins Available.....



The SE EMS Office now has a C.P.R Save pin available for services to purchase for crew members involved in a “CPR Save” situation. Along with the pin, you will receive a certificate from the Regional EMS Office recognizing this event. The cost of the Pin and Certificate is \$ 5.00 which includes tax. For more information, please call the SE EMS Office.

Fall Pediatric Workshop.....

Plans continue to be made for the Fall Pediatric Workshop to be held on September 28, 2013 in Rochester. We will have lecture and “hands on” training for EMS providers to participate in. We are limiting registrations to 100 participants and I anticipate the registrations to begin mid to late July. We will be holding the workshop at the Wood Lake Meeting Center in SE Rochester (near the Country Inn and Suites East of Hwy. 63) This is the first time we have had this type of an event so we are hoping for good participation. Be watching your email and the website for more information.

2014 “Heroes Among Us” Conference.....

We are also in the planning stages for the 2014 “Heroes Among Us” Conference. One thing I can tell you is that ***KEN BOUVIER*** who had to cancel his appearance at the 2013 conference because of health issues ***IS COMING IN 2014!!!!*** I have been in contact with Ken and he says he is doing well and looking forward to coming back to Rochester in March 2014!! This will be the 30th Anniversary of our annual EMS Conference and we are sure it will be another great one! If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics, NOW is the time to send them to me! We welcome your input. More information in the coming months on the conference, ***BUT DO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH 14 & 15, 2014!***

Items for the website????

If you have items for the website or ideas of things that should be on the website, please email them to me. We want the website to be a good resource of information for all of our providers in SE Minnesota.

CEVO Classes.....

There is a CEVO III class being hosted by ***Chatfield Ambulance*** on July 27, 2013 from 8am to 5pm. Registrations should be sent to the SE EMS office no later than July 12, 2013. ***Class size is limited so get your registrations in early! Registration form available on our website!***

Lake City will be hosting a CEVO class on July 20, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Lake City Ambulance for more information or to register: 651-345-3030 or Lcambulance1@ci.lake-city.mn.us

Northfield EMS will be hosting a CEVO class on August 17, 2013. Go to our website for more information.