

**By: Don Hauge, Executive Director**

Where has summer gone????????? We did not get any summer-like weather until late June and now the County Fairs are in full swing which to me, means the end of summer!!!!!! Well that is Minnesota for you, if you don't like the weather now, just wait a minute and it will change!

The Regional Office continues to be busy setting up classes and preparing for new fall classes. Here are some of the items I would like to update you on:

### **Fall Pediatric Workshop...Register Now.....**

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 the registrations are coming in. Cost for the workshop is only \$55 and includes refreshments and lunch! 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.

Here is a link to the webpage with information on the workshop and registration forms:

<http://www.seems.com/2013-fall-pediatric-workshop-september-28.html>

***REMEMBER, only the first 100 people registered will be able to participate and there are NO WALK-IN'S the day of the workshop so hurry and get registered now! Registration DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>.***

### **EDUCATION STANDARDS MEETING REMINDER.....**

The Education Standards Meeting for Training Program Coordinators/ Instructors will be on **Wednesday August 7, 2013 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** and will be held at the Winona Hospital, 855 Mankato Ave. Signs will guide you to the B.A. Miller Auditorium on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the hospital. This is a MANDATORY meeting for Training Program Coordinators but instructors are welcome to attend. Registration is REQUIRED so if you are not registered, please contact the SE Minnesota EMS Office to register.

**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.....**

The Minnesota Mission: Lifeline is in progress!!! The project is beginning in the Northwest and West Central Regions of the State. Services in those regions have begun the application process and awards look to go out to services by the end of August or early September. The next regions to fill out applications will be the Northeast and Central.

This grant focuses on improving care for those in the most rural areas so that is why they have started in the Northern part of the State. As has been stated before, not all services will get grant money but they are trying to make the money go as far as possible by asking services to look at their needs and doing upgrades to their current equipment if possible. Upgrade current machines to add 12 lead capabilities, possibly the ability to transmit 12 Lead information to the hospital, ect. You should be in contact with the hospital you work with and the Monitor Sales people from Zoll, Physio Control and Phillips so you know what is available as well.

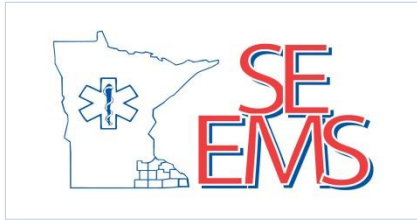
Currently, we anticipate the SE Regional Services going through the application process after the first of the year.

### **Next Regional Ambulance Directors Meeting.....**

The NEXT **Ambulance Managers meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 23, 2013 at 6:30** at the Gold Cross Main Station Conference Rooms.

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

We will continue our work on the Ambulance Managers Consortium. We continue to have very good turnouts for these meetings, THANK YOU!!!! It is a great time to get together and discuss current issues and concerns that you may have as an Ambulance Director! Good for new Directors and seasoned Directors alike!! Hope you will join us!

**Monthly CPR Classes at SE EMS.....**

**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.

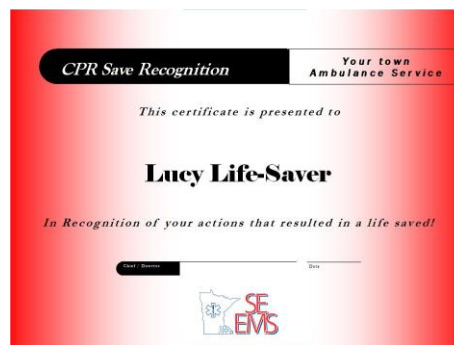
The third Tuesday of each month we will offer an **American Heart Association Heartsaver /AED** class. Two classes will be scheduled each day; 1pm – 5pm and again from 6pm – 10pm. Cost: \$65.00 per person.

These classes will be held in the conference room of the SE EMS office at 1130 ½ 7<sup>th</sup> 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/Certificates 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.



### ***Triage Tag Tuesdays and Sundays.....***

Reminder to Ambulance Services; continue to encourage your staff to practice with the Triage Tags on a regular basis. The SE Regional Office has LOTS of these tags available for your service to receive FREE OF CHARGE!! The Tags were purchased by the EMS Healthcare Coalition Committee and are to be giving to SE Regional services. At the Ambulance Directors meetings, we have been encouraging services to practice with the tags at least once a month or on calls that fall on Tuesdays and Sundays, which makes it easier for staff to remember to practice on those days. Staff should use the tags on whatever type of patients that they may care for. The practice allows staff members to not only become familiar with the tags looks but actually work with them and place patient information on them. Triage tags are not frequently used but we have had several incidents over the past few months with multiple patients and being familiar with the tags can make the process go MUCH smoother!! Call or stop by the Regional Office to get your tags..

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

Planning continues for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual “Heroes Among Us” Conference to be held on March 14 & 15, 2014 at the Mayo Civic Center! KEN BOUVIER will be making a return trip to the conference and we know you will enjoy his presentations! We are also working to get some other GREAT presenters for this conference. Our committee is working hard to make this conference one you WON’T want to miss!!!! If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics, please send me a note and I would gladly look into it. Please mark your calendars for this SPECIAL 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Annual EMS Conference!

### ***Updated Disaster Trailer Cards Coming Soon.....***

Services in our Region will soon be receiving updated Disaster Trailer Cards like the ones below. They are being updated to add some contact information for Hospitals who request activation of the Healthcare Multi-agency Coordination Center (HC-MACC) and also to give you a NEW PHONE NUMBER for activation of the Disaster Trailers and the Medical Task Force. The Old Phone Number is still in place and active but has become overused due to its long history of being advertised. The NEW phone number will be treated much like a 911 call would and will be less advertised. The cards should go out in the mail in the next few weeks, so please watch for them and share the new information with your staff.



### **NEW Speakers Bureau Topic on Sexual Assault.....**

We have a NEW Topic to offer in our Speakers Bureau and it is on the topic of Sexual Assaults and how to assist the victims of these crimes. If you are interested, please sign up on our website or call the Office. Below is a description of the presentation that they will bring to YOUR SERVICE!

*Could your medical or trauma patient be a victim of sexual assault? What do I do now?*

*There are uniquely trained nurses call sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) who can help you know just what TO do or what NOT to do to assist your patient prior to arrival at the Emergency Department. This presentation will explore pre-hospital guidelines for care of sexual assault patients as well as provide information regarding the sexual assault population in Minnesota and how the sexual assault exam has an impact on prosecution and outcomes in the criminal justice system.*

### **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.....**

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

If you would like to host a CEVO class in your community, please give Cathy Anderson a call and she would be glad to help get one set up!

### ***In Memory of Paramedic Karen Johnson***



***Owatonna Gold Cross Paramedic Karen Johnson was killed in Utah on July 26<sup>th</sup> while traveling in her Model T. Karen was a wonderful person who was dedicated to her family, friends and her patients. Her funeral was a testament to the person she was and the lives she touched with a church packed with family, friends, EMS, Flight Team, Fire, Law Enforcement and the various groups she was a part of. To all who were able to attend, Thank you! It was a great tribute to Karen and I know it meant a lot to her family!***

***Please keep Karen's family, friends and co-workers in your thoughts and prayers. She will be missed!***

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