

By: Don Hauge, Executive Director

EMS Week is almost upon us for 2015, where does the time go?? I hope everyone has a wonderful EMS Week and your communities realize the benefit they have of having qualified EMS personnel to help them in times of emergencies so close to home!

EMS Week which is May 17 – 23, 2015. This year’s theme is:



Join us to celebrate EMS Week 2015
EMS STRONG
Regional EMS Appreciation Event



6:00-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Rochester Airport,
Signature Aviation Terminal
(West of Rochester International Airport)
7300 Brataas Drive SW
Rochester, MN

- Case study review
- CEU education
- Picnic meal

Please RSVP: 507-696-1515 (for catering count)



In celebration of EMS Week, Mayo Clinic Medical Transport will again be hosting a Regional EMS Appreciation Event at the Rochester Airport, Signature Aviation Terminal on May 20, 2015. All EMS personnel are invited but asked to call the number on the flyer to RSVP for food purposes. There will be a Case study review, area display tables and a picnic style meal all for FREE!

We hope that if you are an EMS Provider in the SE EMS Region you will consider attending this EMS Appreciation event!

We hope to see you there!!!!

2015/2016 “Heroes Among Us” Conference

Mark your calendars for March 18 & 19, 2016!!!



Our 2015 Conference went very well! We had some great speakers and were happy to see so many of you there! The evaluations were very positive and there were some great suggestions for future conference topics, which we really appreciate!

Work has begun on the 2016 conference and we are currently seeking our National Speaker as well as other speakers who will bring new information to our annual event. If you have suggestions of speakers you have seen at other conferences or training sessions, please share them with us!

We will also be working on plans for our **2015 Fall Workshop**. We are currently looking into a “EMS Crime Scene” Workshop for some time in September. More information on this workshop as details come together!

Prescription drugs for Ambulance and First Responders

Over the last several months we have been contacted by several of you in the region telling us that your local pharmacy will no longer refill or renew your prescriptions as the pharmacy does not hold a wholesale license.

It seems that the Minnesota State Board of Pharmacies has either recently placed into law or is now enforcing a statute that prohibits pharmacies without a wholesale license from selling prescription medications to agencies. After speaking with the head pharmacist of a major pharmacy in Rochester he explained that without a wholesale license, they can only fill prescriptions written out for individuals. When I asked, he told me he is not aware of any pharmacy in Rochester that has a wholesale license.

You may wish to contact the pharmacy you purchase your medications from and verify if they will be able to refill your prescriptions before you need them.

The following is a list of well-known wholesalers you can order your prescription medications through.

BoundTree 800-533-0523 www.boundtree.com

Emergency Medical Products (EMP) 800-558-6270 www.buyemp.com

Moore Medical 800-234-1464 www.mooremedical.com



Information from the EMSRB



The EMSRB has a new website location:

<http://mn.gov/health-licensing-boards/emsrb/>

If you go to the EMSRB website, you will see that the EMSRB has appointed a NEW Executive Director whose name is Tony Spector. We would like to congratulate Mr. Spector on his appointment and we look forward to working with him as he begins his new duties on June 3, 2015.

Volunteer training reimbursement

Dear Ambulance Directors,

Please make sure you are applying for your EMS Education Reimbursement from the EMSRB! This program will reimburse your service for some of the costs of training your EMT's. Partial reimbursement is offered for EMT initial courses or refresher courses for your EMT staff.

You will see there is a requirement that a person must have served on your service for one year in order to receive the funding.

They are also allowing you to be reimbursed for training dating back to June 30, 2008! Here are the guidelines from the EMSRB:

- *Volunteer ambulance services may apply for courses successfully completed going back to June 30, 2008.*
- *AEMT, Paramedics and Community Paramedic that serve as volunteers and have completed EMT refresher courses or EMT continuing education as part of their renewal requirements are eligible for reimbursement.*
- *Ambulance services are encouraged to apply for education reimbursement if they aren't sure they have done it in the past. If we are unable to pay it for any reason, we will return it promptly with the reason why. If it's been paid, they can update their records.*

See the information and application link below, TIME IS RUNNING OUT! Applications MUST be received by June 26, 2015 to be processed for payment in FY 2015 which ends on June 30, 2015.

Any questions, please feel free to ask!

EMS Education Reimbursement


The EMSRB provides EMS Education Reimbursement to ambulance services using staff that are considered volunteers ([MS 144E.001 Subd. 15](#)) for initial and refresher EMT education/training as follows:

Initial EMT Course: \$600.00

Refresher EMT Course: \$275.00*

** Which includes those taken by AEMT and Paramedics.*

Note: *When submitting applications please ensure that applications are complete. Not submitting complete applications may cause delays with the issuance of the reimbursement.*

 [Volunteer EMS Education Reimbursement Application](#)



Next Regional Ambulance Directors Meeting.....

The NEXT Ambulance Managers meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday July 29, 2015** @ 6:30 (meal provided at 6:00) at the Gold Cross Main Station Conference Rooms.

If you have topics you would like to discuss or a presentation you would like to talk about, please feel free to contact Holly Hammann-Jacobs or Don Hauge.

holly.hammann@state.mn.us or hauge.donovan@mayo.edu

SMRTAC (Southern Minnesota Regional Trauma Advisory Committee)

<http://smrtac.org/>

The next meeting of **SMRTAC** will be on June 11, 2015 at the MnDot Headquarters, 1010 21st Avenue NW, Owatonna, MN at 1:00 p.m. We continue to encourage EMS providers to participate in this group which continues to grow each meeting. The meeting is also available to view via Webcast which can be found on the website listed above. Contact Don Hauge if you have any questions.

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Items for the website????

LOTS of good information on Programs and Services offered by the SE Minnesota EMS Regional Program on the website please go to www.seems.com and check them out!!!!

If you have an item for the website, please contact us by email or phone, we would be happy to assist you!

First Responder/EMT Training Subsidy Update

We had several First Responder and Ambulance services apply for this year's Training Subsidy Grant. If your service received an acceptance letter from the Regional Office for the Subsidy Funds, **your service will have until June 22, 2015 to turn in the paid invoices** from the EMSRB approved training program that taught your class to be reimbursed. REMEMBER, this is a "first come, first serve" subsidy and we will only reimburse services until the funds are depleted. Any questions, please call the Regional Office.



FY 2015 EMS Equipment Grant Update

The FY 2015 equipment grant program is winding down. For those services that applied and received award letters, please submit your paid receipts to the Regional Office when you receive them. Once received, we will reimburse your service for 50% of the total invoice up to \$1000.

This Proof of Purchase MUST be submitted to the Regional Office NO LATER than June 1, 2015 to receive this reimbursement.

Thanks to all who participated in this program and we hope it was helpful to the services in our Region!

CEVO Courses

We are looking for services who are interested in hosting a CEVO class this spring and summer. If you are, the Regional Office will advertise the course and take registrations as well as get the instructors and materials for the class. All you have to do is find a classroom that is big enough for 10 (min) – 24 (max) people, have a parking lot large enough for the driving course and provide an ambulance to use during the driving course

The cost of the course would be \$50/person (\$65 for out of Region). We currently have courses planned for Chatfield on May 30, 2015, Grand Meadow on June 11 & 13, 2015, Wabasha June 13, 2015 and Dodge Center July 25, 2015. Call the Regional EMS Office to register or if you have any questions.



EMS/ SMH ED Workgroup – Case Reviews

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for August 18, 2015. That will be the date of the next Case Review and it will be held at St. Mary's Hospital from 7 – 9 p.m. There will also be TREATS available!!!!

Dispatchers, First Responders, EMT's, Paramedics, ED Nurses and Physicians will all be able to learn from this session! CEU's/Contact Hours will be available at the session.

These training sessions are given on a quarterly basis at St. Mary's and are offered free of charge!

NOTE: If your service has been involved in an interesting case, maybe a cardiac arrest save or a severe trauma situation that used multiple resources, please let Don Hauge know and we may use it for the next Case Review session.

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 plus tax. For more information, please call the SE EMS Office.

Monthly CPR Classes at SE EMS

The SE EMS office will now start holding CPR classes on the first Tuesday and Fourth Thursday of each month. (Heartsaver classes available by request)

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 Fourth Thursday of each month we will offer an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider 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 located at:

SE EMS office 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.

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.

New EMS Facility in the SE Region!

Congratulations to the Blooming Prairie Ambulance on their new facility! Please join them at their open house on May 19th during EMS Week!



**Blooming Prairie
Ambulance Open House**

Join us at the Grand Opening

Tuesday, May 19th 4 pm to 7 pm
Ribbon cutting at 6 pm
The new garage is located on the south edge of
Blooming Prairie on 218



<http://www.seems.com/giving-back-to-ems-ambulance-give-away---january-2016--arrowhead-confernece.html>

Win This Ambulance



6th Annual Giving Back to EMS

The program is sponsored by the Minnesota Ambulance Association

Complete the Giving Back to EMS essay which will then be reviewed by the Giving Back to EMS committee. The winner will be notified in December and the official donation will occur during the January 2016 Arrowhead Conference, www.arrowheadems.com/conference. Applicants must be MAA members and a Minnesota EMS or Medical Response agency/unit. Applications and essays must be submitted by December 18, 2015.

Details at www.mnems.org or by contacting Debbie Gillquist at 651-775-7400 or debgillquist@mnems.org.



Upcoming Events

MAY 2015



17-23 HAPPY EMS WEEK!

- 19 Blooming Prairie Ambulance New Facility Open House
- 20 EMS Appreciation Event, Rochester Airport, Signature Aviation Terminal
- 21 EMSRB Board Meeting
- 21 SMRTAC EMS Sub-Committee Phone Conference (Contact Don Hauge for details)
- 25 Memorial Day – SE EMS Office Closed**
- 28 CPR Classes at the Regional Office (Pre-registration required)
- 30 Wabasha CEVO Course (Pre-registration required)

June 2015

- 2 CPR Classes at the Regional Office (Pre-registration required)
- 5 MAA Quarterly Board Meeting
- 11 [SMRTAC](#) Meeting 1:00 p.m. at the MnDot Headquarters, Owatonna
- 11 [Northfield ITLS Course](#)
- 11 Grand Meadow CEVO Classroom (Pre-registration required)
- 13 Grand Meadow CEVO Driving Course (Pre-registration required)
- 13 Wabasha CEVO Course (Pre-registration required)
- 18 SE EMS Joint Powers Board Meeting @ 08:00, Workforce Development Center
- 25 CPR Classes at the Regional Office (Pre-registration required)

July 2015

- 4 July 4th Holiday – SE EMS Office Closed
- 7 CPR Classes at the Regional Office (Pre-registration required)
- 9 [Northfield PEPP Course](#)
- 23 CPR Classes at the Regional Office (Pre-registration required)
- 25 Dodge Center CEVO Course (Pre-registration required)
- 29 SE Regional Ambulance Directors Meeting, Gold Cross North Station



May 17-23, 2015

*Happy EMS Week to all of our
SE Minnesota Providers!!!!*

Thanks you for all you do!