Best Picture Goes To…..

NEMSA is again holding the Brochure Cover Contest. This time it will include all three NEMSA events. Three photos will be selected to be featured on the brochure covers. We want you to show off your department, plus you get a chance to win a free registration! You must be a NEMSA member to enter the contest. Click on the link to submit your photo!

http://www.nemsa.org/Additional-Links/Photo-Contest

NEMSA 1Day Western Conference:

NEMSA will be offering a one day conference on August 20, 2016, in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. It will be held at the Scottsbluff Elks Lodge. Registration will be available online or via mail-in registration very soon. Early Bird Registration will be available until August 5th. After that date, an additional $15 will be added to all registrations.

All conference information including class topics, objectives, times and instructors will be available in an online brochure in the near future.

If you have any questions and/or comments, please contact Collin Warren at westconference@nemsa.org, or you may call him at (402) 870-1646.

Legislative Committee

LB900, Senator Bloomfield’s effort to repeal the state’s motorcycle helmet law, failed to advance when he did not receive enough votes to stop debate. The healthcare community joined together to ensure that the bill did not advance, and hopefully, it will not be reintroduced for a while. Thank you for your support and efforts. We encourage you to send your senator a “thank you” for their vote, especially Senator Hilkemann.
FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

It was nice to see some of you at our annual NEMSA Convention last month. During the banquet, I asked the attendees to stand up if they thought they would still be in EMS 10 years from now. This stirred up a few emotions for some and sparked conversations between colleagues. In EMS, we are conditioned to react to abnormal circumstances. We are not hard-wired to think ahead into the future.

Have you ever asked your department members where they see themselves or your department in 10 to 15 years? Do you see yourself as an integral part of the EMS system then? If we don't plan ahead and look to the future, we will always be in a constant state of emergency. However, the business side of our department doesn't have to be in that state all the time. We are always focused on recruiting new members, because we need more help. Did we know this was going to happen 10 or 20 years ago? Yes, we did. We just didn't look ahead, plan accordingly and become proactive. We need to “think outside the box.” How can we stop the emergencies happening right under our noses? Look into the future and ask questions. It never hurts to ask. Right?

Debbie Von Seggern-Johnson
NEMSA President

Secretary Notes

Greetings from the NEMSA Secretary! As I write this, I am looking out my window watching it snow off and on with the sun coming out intermittently. This spring, Mother Nature has sure been temperamental to say the least. We just finished up a successful NEMSA Convention in Omaha, and it was great to see everyone that attended. Throughout the weekend, I kept getting questions about the NEMSA Scholarship process. To clarify things, I thought I would focus on that this month. First off, the scholarships are open to any NEMSA member or their immediate family. It does not matter what your field of study is; it does not need to be medical-related. The application is available to download and print from the NEMSA website, www.nemsa.org, under the Scholarship tab. Just follow the instructions on the application as to the information that is required. Send the completed application and the other required items to me at the address on the form. I will then forward all the applications to the Education Committee. The committee will select the winners. If you have any questions about this or anything else, feel free to contact me. I am here to serve all the members of NEMSA!

Take care and be safe, my friends!

Pam Stapleman
NEMSA Secretary

DHHS NEWS

Please help us welcome Tim Wilson as the new Office of EMS/Trauma Program Manager for the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health. Tim has a Master of Business Administration degree with Management Information System Emphasis and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems degree. He is a licensed paramedic with hospital and transport experience, and is currently the Chief of Operations for the Syracuse Rescue Service.

Welcome!
NEMSA FEATURED EMS SERVICE

Now that we are into our new year a few months, NEMSA would like to begin featuring a Nebraska EMS service every month. They will be featured in the new monthly NEMSA News Brief, the NEMSA “Dispatch,” the NEMSA website, or our social media sites.

If you would like to be recognized as an EMS service, please send a photograph of your department and a brief paragraph on why your department should be featured to info@nemsa.org.

NEMSA would also like to recognize and feature an EMS person monthly. This individual can be an EMR, EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate, or Paramedic. To be featured, we need a head shot of the individual in their department uniform as well as their name, provider level, position within the department, and a brief paragraph as to why they should be recognized. Send this information to info@nemsa.org.

Collin Warren
NEMSA Public Relations

2016 NEMSA Convention

Another successful NEMSA Convention is in the books. I want to thank all of you that attended this year. We had phenomenal speakers, as always, to include our national speakers; A.J. Heightman, Stephen “Murph” Murphy, Jess Fulkerson, and Dennis Edgerly. In addition, we had a fantastic assortment of regional speakers as well. A BIG thank you to all of them! As many of you may have noticed, our numbers have consistently decreased over the last several years, with the exception of last year. Due to this fact, the NEMSA Board and the NEMSA Convention committee decided to look into other venue options for 2017 and subsequent years. The committee submitted their recommendation to the NEMSA Board after reviewing several proposals from venues including Lincoln, Omaha, Nebraska City and Columbus, and the Board voted to move the convention. The NEMSA Convention 2017 will be held at the Ramada Columbus and River’s Edge Convention Center in Columbus, NE, previously known as New World Inn. The dates will be March 23rd for the NIS Pre-Conference and March 24-26th for the NEMSA Convention. Planning is already in the works for next year. We hope you are all pleased with this decision and hope to see you next year!

Tami Carlson
NEMSA Convention and Education Coordinator

NIS NEWS

NIS will be offering an EMS Instructor Day at the Flat Rock Conference in North Platte, Nebraska at MidPlains Community College on August 13, 2016. Additional information will be available soon. Contact Terri Van Houten at nispresident@nemsa.org with any questions.