

Overall Evaluation 2009

How many years have you attended conference?

First year [34] 2-5 years [47] 6-10 years [31] More than 10 years [75]

In order of importance please tell us why you attend the annual spring conference.

(1 Most Important, 6 Least Important)

Rank # 1 is Education	# 1 (178)	# 2 (7)	# 3 (0)	# 4 (0)	# 5 (0)	# 6 (1)
Rank # 2 is Networking	# 1 (10)	# 2 (86)	# 3 (31)	# 4 (16)	# 5 (4)	# 6 (3)
Rank # 3 is Vendors	# 1 (3)	# 2 (29)	# 3 (67)	# 4 (33)	# 5 (10)	# 6 (8)
Rank # 4 is Squad Leaders	# 1 (2)	# 2 (22)	# 3 (22)	# 4 (26)	# 5 (10)	# 6 (42)
Rank # 5 is Awards Banquet	# 1 (1)	# 2 (5)	# 3 (7)	# 4 (26)	# 5 (58)	# 6 (34)
Rank # 6 is Dances/Entertain.	# 1 (2)	# 2 (4)	# 3 (20)	# 4 (18)	# 5 (30)	# 6 (60)

Other: 1st year...wanted to see, Certification, Post Board Hours, Check out new equipment

Please rate below on the following scale: P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, VG-Very Good, E-Excellent

1. Appropriate number of speakers	[2] P	[7] F	[33] G	[83] VG	[62] E
2. Overall speakers presentations/materials	[0] P	[8] F	[38] G	[84] VG	[57] E
3. Variety of topics presented	[2] P	[11] F	[41] G	[82] VG	[52] E
4. Appropriate number/type of exhibitors	[8] P	[32] F	[62] G	[59] VG	[29] E
5. Impression of facilities	[1] P	[26] F	[58] G	[69] VG	[33] E
6. Impression of break refreshments	[7] P	[44] F	[58] G	[54] VG	[24] E

Regional conferences you attended? NW [40] SW [54] NE [21] SE [35]

How did you find out about the conference?

Brochure [112] Squad Meeting [65] Web site [25]

Other: Past Conferences (2), Work (3), Fellow EMT, It's Yearly, Coming for 25+ years, Response Times, Annual FUN weekend, We wait for conference, Last years information.

Comments:

- *Great conference! (12)
- *Good idea to have the extra session over lunch and other bonus sessions (9) Maybe Saturday A.M.? (1)
- *Consider using motels in the future, was nice to be in one place! (9)
- *Appreciate the comfortable chairs! (8)
- *Banquet Friday night (2)
- *Conference committee did a great job with all of the changes (12)

- *Thank you! (6)
- *Did good with last minute change. Bring back Steve Berry and Christopher Suprun.
- *Disappointed no flag brought in even after it was missed.
- *The opening ceremony lacked the Governor, Senator. Mark could've done a better job welcoming us.
- *With our conference size, the Ramkota was adequate. Civic center is too spread out and not as comfortable. Also, during current economic times saving \$10,000 in civic rental is a valued plus.
- *Handouts, very few available?
- *Great job with the short notice. It seems like the last few conferences have gotten to focus more and more on ALS skills or info not in the description. I occasionally feel like I've wasted my time.
- *Reminder to shut off or vibrate cell phones or pagers for those who are not on call.
- *I realize there was limited space but having the breaks in the hall impeded traffic. (2)
- *While I appreciate the extra sessions, I miss the days of getting more CEU hours.
- *Realize that tables had to be set up but it made things more difficult for observing
- *Soft chairs, good speakers and great show of being able to work with what life handed you!!
- *Nice not having to leave the building, one could go to hotel room during the breaks.
- *Evals being stapled together was appreciated
- *More speakers, more topics, more CEU hours! Keep the conference in Bismarck!
- *I have seen the decline in the number of speakers and variety of topics the last few years. I use to have 2-3 concurrent sessions I wanted to go to in a time slot and Sat I would go to one I wanted to go to on Friday.
- *Speakers talking about personal tragedies/overcomes. Woman from MN spoke about surviving a terrorist attack and was shot and survived. Liked Dan Limmer's personnel session.
- *Crowded but with the flood, we certainly understand
- *Thank you for having water in all classes
- *Thank you for starting on time
- *Consider having more sessions and less break time between. Often a speaker was done early
- *Where is Mike Smith?
- *Sat general session too long
- *Please try to have the banquet on Friday night as most go home to cover and more would attend
- *It would have been nice if it would have been broadcasted the change of conference by some kind of media. Myself and many others didn't know. A small note on the civic door was not too professional.
- *I am not working for an EMS facility at this time so I am paying for this conference out of my OWN POCKET...including forfeiting 2 days of pay, not getting reimbursed for cost of conference, EMS dues, etc. I feel I'm giving my money and time and we're allotted half the CEU's we had previously. Until I sign on with another squad, how can I pay for this? My husband works at Bobct and his job is not secure and our income is chopped in half. How can I afford these conferences? Something should change FAST or you will lose a very qualified EMT who loves her work with EMS.
- *Cold bottled water would've been nice. (4) Maybe Pepsi or McQuades can donate?
- *Concurrent sessions could be 1 hour long and one more session added, maybe duplicated sessions (2)
- *More vibrant speaker for general sessions so they don't turn into nap times for majority.
- *I commend the conference committee as well as the Association for adapting so well and quickly. They were able to pull things together and keep the conference on track. Great job!
- *Good job on this year's conference with the last minute changes. Bismarck is a great place!
- *Maybe get rid of the Saturday dance
- *Need good morning and closing speakers to keep our attention (2)
- *Is there a reason why our ND Senators, Congressman, Governor no longer attend this conference????
- *I would like to see classes offered once on Friday and again on Saturday.
- *The hallway vendor made it very frustrating to go into the sessions. (2)
- *Noon session room could've been planned for larger. Rooms opened but hard to see slides and presenter seemed to forget the ones on the other side.

- *Have a mix of areas for each breakout (OB, trauma, behavioral, elective, etc.)
- *Would've been nice to have room to eat and to have box meals easy to get both days.
- *Very good group of speakers this year, all good information, good job, good subjects.
- *Glad the evening session didn't involve drinking as sometimes in the past.
- *You had great speakers. Would like to see Mike Smith and Jill Torres back if you could.
- *The ASK NDEMSA session was very well put together and want to commend you on the work you do and will do for us.
- *Nicely done! Friday night dance was a blast! Tote bags were nice for carrying. Thanks Medcenter
- *Except for the tight quarters for vendors, I felt the space was very adequate and well used.
- *Turned out to be extremely better than I thought for moving from the civic center
- *Could've used a map to tell us where rooms were (2)
- *Nice job on short notice! Some really good speakers & some really boring ones. Thank you
- *Minot seats suck but will be there anyway. The ambulances outside were ok and good to get out and look. I would like to see Jill Torres back, Steve Berry was great and Chris Ebright.
- *I think moving the Association meeting to Friday night from 7-9pm would be great. (2)
- *Should have 15 min breaks so we can get 1.5 CEU's. Banquet and Dance should all be Friday night so more can go since we pay for it. Have still a good 3.5 hour drive.
- *The new and more colorful format of the brochures is too busy.
- *NIMS and ICS courses on Thursday. Many EMS personnel can't speak or understand it.
- *More basic ed like "steps" taken and scenes for medical and trauma, scenarios, small groups.
- *A lot of people going in and out. People coming in 10 minutes before its over getting a CEU for missing a presentation? (2)
- *Trail mix on afternoon break bad. Add dairy and fruit/vegetable platters
- *Loved the experience, would like to see Steve Berry again! (7)
- *Steve Berry and Dan Limmer are awesome speakers, could sit and listen all day..
- *Hallways crowded, would've been nicer at the civic but can't control weather. Had no idea they offered box lunches at the restraurant until too late. But, laughed a lot and had a good time!
- *Need to have time between end of Bonus Ed and next session.
- *More group/interactive opportunities! Very fun and informative. Would recommend that all attend!
- *Shorter breaks so we can get more hours of training
- *I always love this conference. Always schedule upbeat opening and closing speaker.
- *Due to scheduling, only could do pre-con but loved the PEPP course. Awesome!
- *Went very smoothly, never know it all had to be changed. What a great team of people pulling for us!
- *Please ask Ramkota to use some heat as it was freezing!
- *Very much dislike the timing of the Assoc. meeting. Who attends, the board? Should take place to optimize attendance of the Association members. I, for one, hope this changes. Soon...
- *How did people find out the conference moved? I ran around the civic looking for EMS. If classes over lunch offer an onsite way for people to eat. Saw 5-10 with box lunches, how could I get one. I was starving with no real meal from 7am-5:15pm! Some rooms not set up the best. Better with no tables.
- *FUN, FUN, FUN...Have fun competition. Maybe between Medics, EMT's, Firefighters, Police an obstacle course or something. Then of course a goofy trophy or traveling tournament for nationals.
- *Do not schedule on Palm Sunday weekend (obviously Easter too)
- *Include box lunches for noon and put into fees.
- *Have more tracks (FR, Rescue, ALS)
- *Have chips or non spicy snacks. Bottled water along with pop
- *Muffins, not so much doughnuts, some of us are diabetic
- *Just curious, tried to get a CEU slip late...did NOT get one. The board member handing out CEU's at 1:15 in the Lamborn was excellent. See so many come in late nad get a slip. Keep up the good work!
- *More chairs in rooms or arrange to have high count of attendees in a larger room per speaker
- *Invite both the Bourn's back (2)

- *Topics: basic human anatomy, taking vitals, splinting, stuff like that...like a refresher course
- *Not always enough food to feed everyone (2)
- *Didn't care for sitting at tables on Saturday. Hard to see. More restrooms on ball side please!
- *Making us go to sessions instead of lunch just to get 14 hours of CEU here is totally wrong!!
- *This year our squad didn't get any brochures. Thank goodness someone did so we could make copies.
- *More notification in the media or email about move to the Ramkota
- *CEU's for classes seem low for the amount of time we are here for training
- *Can't wait to come back! (2)
- *I think there should be less emphasis on "your partner" and more on rural squads. Didn't see that.
- *Educate your speakers that there are FR at the conference. More topics that deal with Rural America.
- *Too small of a place to have conference. Wouldn't have attended if it had been planned for Ramkota.
- *Found out late about the move...made me late...Bummer!
- *Class for next time: Chaplains and EMS
- *Comment about drinking/partying, etc. is not a plus, professional and yes..I have a sense of humor
- *Big rooms that divided were cold, no need for air conditioning. (2) Vendor space was small.
- *Not everyone drinks coffee in the morning
- *Thank you to NDEMSA Board for a great convention and excellent job over the years
- *Like bonus sessions except Medic Match. Wanted 2 hours but needed to stay, should've left. For what, potty jokes. Medic Match? Hardly
- *Quite pleased with the breakout session, both topics and the instructors
- *Minot was not a good place to host. Will prevent those from returning. Open for different cities but like Bismarck each year.
- *More Pediatrics
- *Upset I wasn't notified of the move...you had my email address!
- *Pre-cons were lacking. Came from MT so it is beneficial to get the extra day of training
- *Room moderators need to watch the clock and let speaker know when they are running low on time.
- *Dr. Thomas Bennett is an excellent speaker from Billings. Forensic Pathologist.
- *During National Anthem disappointed to see those who left hats on or kept walking. Show respect.
- *Keep people seated, watch door and hand out certificates at the end. Don't let anyone in the rooms.
- *Afternoon lunch, pretzels? When people did the bonus they didn't have lunch, how about fruit?
- *I love children. I don't like children in lecture rooms though. Maybe offer a daycare. I realize not all people can leave kids at home. I don't, I bring them with along with a sitter.
- *Short of snacks, toilet paper, hallway space and parking.