

The North Dakota Emergency Medical Services Foundation (NDEMSF) was founded on July 7, 2004 to promote and support pre-hospital emergency medical services across the state of North Dakota. The foundation is dedicated to the state's emergency medical services providers, ambulance services, and quick response units, and it places a major emphasis on the continued viability of individual rural providers and response groups.

The Foundation is a large supporter of the North Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association (NDEMSA) and sponsors, in part, many of their activities. NDEMSF mainly sponsors the conferences of the Association but also works closely with the Association on additional educational efforts.

It is the vision of this Foundation to grow in strength and financial standing so that it may provide support to other EMS agencies as well as individual providers. In the future the foundation hopes to:



- ✱ Offer scholarships to individual providers who wish to continue their education in the field of emergency medical care
- ✱ Offer scholarships to individuals who wish to train and become certified as a First Responder, EMT-B, EMT-I, EMT-P, Instructor/Coordinator, or other emergency medical providers
- ✱ Offer Equipment Grants to EMS agencies to help defer the growing costs of providing emergency care
- ✱ Increase public awareness of the need for volunteerism to sustain pre-hospital services in the states frontier

## A Look at What the North Dakota EMS Association Has Done

In 2004, the Association held its first stakeholder meetings and has done so every year since

Moved forward from a "break-even" budget, allowing NDEMSA to look towards implementing new programs to improve ND EMS

Increased the number of educational conferences offered annually from 2 to 5, along with decreasing the cost for participants

Developed a statewide Regional Emergency Response plan, as well as a Regional Response Team

Increased the Training Grant allotment by \$300,000 allowing more individuals to receive the grant

In 2009, NDEMSA hosted one of the top ten statewide EMS conferences

Increased Medicaid reimbursements to ambulance services by \$2.3 Million

Developed and helped receive \$2.25 Million for an EMS Staffing grant to help rural services recruit and retain qualified providers

Offered more than 150 hours of continuing education to nearly 1100 emergency care providers in 2009

Developed the EMS Improvement project to provide assessments for improvement and develop leadership classes, a recruitment drive, and regional quality improvement program



## North Dakota EMS Foundation's

# Star of Life Partnership








*Helping to provide resources, services, and effective representation in order to continuously improve North Dakota emergency care!*

Founded in 1971, the North Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association (NDEMSEA) has been actively involved in emergency medical care throughout North Dakota.

NDEMSEA strives to provide sufficient resources, valuable services, and effective representation for its members in order to continuously improve emergency care .

It is the vision of this association that, through our valued partnerships, determination, and relentless pursuit of excellence, all North Dakota citizens and visitors are ensured reasonable access to emergency medical services through effective EMS systems.

The North Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association, through the highest levels of honesty and integrity, plan to accomplish their goals and reach their vision by:

-  Promoting and advancing the quality of care and professionalism of those who deliver emergency medical care throughout North Dakota
-  Promoting and providing public education and information related to emergency medical care
-  Promoting and encouraging the development of the highest ethical standards for EMS providers
-  Promoting teamwork among those who are dedicated to saving lives and helping the sick and injured
-  Serving as a channel of communication for local and county EMS groups to share their concerns with state and national agencies



How the Association Utilizes Their Resources

Annual Conference

*NDEMSEA hosts one of the nations top 10 statewide EMS conferences annually. The Annual EMS Rendezvous Conference and Tradeshow attracts EMS providers and vendors from across the state, as well as nationally renowned speakers. It provides continuing education for providers, with special pre-con classes to offer in depth training in specialized areas.*

Regional Conferences

*The Association hosts four regional conferences annually. Regional conferences allow NDEMSEA to provide more hands-on and practical skills training and education. It also creates an opportunity for providers to network with caregivers in their area.*



Open Forum & Stakeholder Meetings

*Members are the number one priority of the Association. It is very important to NDEMSEA that they stay in touch with, true to, and are held accountable by their members. In order to accomplish this, the Association holds annual Open Forum and Stakeholder meetings in each of its regions.*

Advisory Boards and Advocacy

*Ensuring that North Dakota providers and services can obtain all the resources they need, is a task very dear to the heart of NDEMSEA. The Association works rigorously to do so. Members of our board serve on many different Advisory Boards. NDEMSEA also advocates for continuous improvement in North Dakota emergency medical care.*



Our organization would like to save a life by becoming a Star of Life Partner. Please sign us up for:



\_\_\_ One Star Partnership - \$250



\_\_\_ Two Star Partnership—\$500



\_\_\_ Three Star Partnership - \$1,000



\_\_\_ Four Star Partnership - \$2,500



\_\_\_ Five Star Partnership - \$5,000

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The North Dakota Emergency Medical Services Foundation thanks you for helping to ensure that all North Dakota citizens and visitors will always have reasonable access to proficient emergency medical care.