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### Winter/Spring issue 2007 Newsletter for the Wyoming Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Association

The 2007<sup>th</sup> Legislative session is over and in the record books. This sessions Legislator's were very good to Wyoming EMS system and personnel. A majority of the bills introduced on behalf of our EMS system and personnel were passed. Unfortunately, not all of the EMS and Trauma bills presented were passed. The following is a list of the bills and how they faired during the session:

**SF-63** - EMT Retirement Study – passed and signed by Governor Freudenthal. This bill provides funding for a study to the feasibility study for an EMS Retirement Plan.

**SF-57** - EMT License Plates - was signed by Governor Freudenthal. Certified EMTs may begin applying for these special license plates beginning July 1, 2007. A copy of the plate is posted on the EMS website

**HB-113** - Trauma Care - died in committee

**HB - 142** - EMT Assault – died. It did not make it into committee

**HB - 280** - EMTS in medical facilities - died as it was not heard in committee

The WAEMSA Board of Directors would like to thank all the Wyoming Legislator's for their continued support and belief in our EMS system. We would also like to thank the EMS Office for their support, testimony and all their efforts to keep everyone informed on bill status. The board would like especially recognized Senator Pat Allman for not only spearheading several bills, but making sure her fellow legislators where informed on these bills. All of Wyoming EMS owes her a big thank you.

#### Board of Directors Meetings

The organization is alive and well and continues to work to improve the association and emergency medical care throughout Wyoming. The Board of Directors met on January 20, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Riverton Wyoming. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the association website at [waemsa.org](http://waemsa.org).

Next meeting is in Jackson in conjunction with the Shock Trauma Conference, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1700 hours.

#### CONGRATULATIONS FOR 40+ YEARS OF EMS SERVICE

We would like to congratulate Don Pope of the Sublette County EMS for over forty years of Emergency Medical Service. Mr. Pope was recognized by the Big Piney community with a reception on Saturday February 10. Donny started his career in EMS with Red Cross Standard First Aid long before EMT training was available. The Standard First Aid Class taught him that he needed more training, so he attended and advance First Aid Class. From that training he became an EMT – Basic and then advancing to an EMT – I. In a profession that has historically had a five year burn or rust out, it is exceptional to have someone that

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RED DESERT  
TRAUMA CONFERENCE JUNE  
8<sup>TH</sup> THRU 10<sup>TH</sup>**

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE ROCK  
SPRINGS**

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FEES FOR CURRENT WAEMSA  
MEMBERS**

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REDDESERTCONFERENCE.COM  
WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION**

**MINI-CONFERENCES  
ARE BACK!!! IF YOUR  
EMS SERVICE WOULD  
LIKE A ONE DAY  
CONFERENCE PLEASE  
CONTACT KAREN  
CLARK-BOND**

**COUNTRY STORE WILL BE ON  
DISPLAY AT THE JACKSON AND  
RED DESERT TRAUMA  
CONFERENCES**

**CHECK OUR DEALS ON LAST  
EDITION BOOKS REAL SPECIAL  
DEALS!!!!!!**

**Up Coming Events:**

Teton County EMS Trauma  
Conference, Jackson Wyoming  
April 18-22, 2007

Red Desert Trauma Conference  
Rock Springs Wyoming June 8-10,  
2007

provided emergency medical to the sick and injured for that length of time in the same state and the same community. CONGRATULATIONS Donny, enjoy your retirement and THANKS for all you have done for Wyoming EMS.

**WYOMING EMS LOOSES ONE OF OUR OWN**

We are deeply saddened to with the passing of one of Wyoming EMS long time Paramedics. Casper Police Department Officer and Wyoming Medical Center's Paramedic Kelly Peebles was killed in an automobile accident on February 1, 2007. Kelly worked as a Paramedic with the Wyoming Medical Center Ambulance for years. Recently becoming a police officer for the City of Casper. Kelly continued to work part time with the ambulance and had recently recertified as a Paramedic He was recognized on two occasions by the city of Casper for his life saving skills. Kelly's smile, laugh and medical skills will be sorely missed. Our condolence to his family and friends.

**CLARK MINI-CONFERENCE WAS A SUCESS**

Many thanks to the Clark Fire and EMS for inviting us into their community to provide continuing education to their personnel. The WAEMSA Mini Conferences are alive and well. Several instructors from Wyoming, including June Munckow from Powell Hospital, Park County Sheriff's Office, Lavonne McNabb and Jon Said, provided eight hours of education. The conference was attended by approximately 15 people from the surrounding EMS community.

Check our website ([www.waemsa.org](http://www.waemsa.org)) for the dates and times for the next scheduled Mini-Conference. If your service would like a Mini-Conference in your area please contact the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Karen Clark-Bond.

**WAS YOUR SERVICE THINKING ABOUT PURCHASING A NEW  
AMBULANCE? YOU MAY WANT TO DO SOME RESEARCH FIRST.**

In the latest issue of the *JEMS* Magazine published notice that Ford Motor Company will no longer manufacture the cut-a-way van used for Type III ambulance chassis. Ford does not want to have any additional problems as they did in the mid to late 1980's. Apparently the problems is the International and Engine Company (ITEC) 6.4 L engines will not fit into the Ford F-series chassis. They will fit into the Type I chassis. There apparently will be enough Type III chassis to fills orders into this spring. Looks like General Motors may now become the leading manufacture of ambulance chassis. Garz, M. Jems, *Journal of Emergency Medical Services*. March 2007, pg. 22

**WAEMSA BOARD ELECTIONS ARE COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

**CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST,  
WORK ON A COMMITTEE OR RUN FOR AN OFFICE.**

All currently licensed EMT's, don't forget about purchasing your EMT license plate and proudly display them on your vehicle. Let those in your community know you are a professional Prehospital provider

Many thanks to Susan Carnes and Sheri Lyons for continuing to wade through boxes of cancelled checks for the association in an effort to identify where our funds have been spent over the last four or five years. They may need some R and R time as well as a life subscription to migraine medicines. Thanks!!!!