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## UP COMING CONFERENCES

Watch for a Mini-Conference in  
your area

Red Desert Trauma Conference  
Western Wyoming Community  
College Green River Campus  
June 4-6, 2010

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## Newsletter for the Wyoming Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Association

Hope everyone has had a wonderful winter, Easter Break and is looking forward to spring and the MUD Season!!!! Dread not, as summer is shortly around the corner with fishing, hiking, bike riding, baseball, horseback riding, softball, golf, motorcycles and all those summer activities that bring ambulance calls and ER visits. Oh yea, how about mosquito and horsefly season. All the outdoor activities that bring fun and EMS challenges for us to evaluate and treat.

### EMS News

Obama Healthcare has created a lot of discussion, both pro and con. It appears that there is one positive for EMS. According to the American Ambulance Association there will be a 2% increase in urban bonus and a 3% bonus increase for rural and super rural EMS retroactive to the beginning of this year. Not much, but it's better than decreasing by the same percentages.

Madison Wisconsin where you thought it was safe to run the ambulance while treating the patient (especially in their weather) thus keeping everyone warm at the local ski area. A 24 year old male decided he apparently always wanted to drive an ambulance, so he climbed behind the wheel and took off with the patient and paramedics in the back. The local sheriff officers were able to stop the man after he had made a few trips around the parking lot. No one was injured and they are still investigating why he drove off in the ambulance. Didn't think we need to lock ourselves IN the ambulance.

Healthcare issues are a changing and that will include EMS and prehospital care. Take the opportunity to read and listen as the "lengthy" Obama Healthcare law is implemented. Our care, responsibilities and re-imburement will change as well.

### Teton County 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Shock Trauma Conference

This year's conference was a great success. The attendee numbers were up from last year with EMS providers from all over Wyoming and Idaho in attendance. This year's list of speakers included IMH Life Flight from Salt Lake, AirMed from Salt Lake, Air Idaho, University of Utah Burn Center, Teton County Fire/EMS, Teton County Search and Rescue, and the return of Baxter Larmon,. Teton County Fire and EMS did a great job with this year's conference

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Laramie Peak EMS  
Conference  
Douglas  
July 9 - 11, 2010

40<sup>th</sup> Annual Wyoming Trauma  
Conference  
August 19 - 22, 2010  
Little America Cheyenne  
More info contact State EMS  
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MINI-CONFERENCES  
ARE BACK!!! IF YOUR  
EMS SERVICE WOULD  
LIKE A ONE DAY  
CONFERENCE PLEASE  
CONTACT A BOARD  
MEMBER

## ***MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

### ***PRESIDENT***

Hi, I am Jon Said and have been honored to be your President since 2005. I have served on the Board of Directors in various positions since 1980, I think, with a couple years off the board during the early 2000's. I have been involved in Wyoming's EMS since 1972 starting out in a 1969 Civil Defense Pontiac Ambulance with just first aid training. I took my EMT class in Rawlins in 1974, working up to EMT-I. I have also worked as an ER Tech for several years in several hospital ER's. I have had the opportunity to work for several ambulance services over the years which have taught me a lot about EMS. In 2005 I graduated from the University of Washington MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant program and have been working as a PA since then. I am continuing to be involved in Wyoming EMS assisting the Eden Valley Ambulance Service.

### ***DIRECTOR AT LARGE***

Hi my name is George Pechulis and I live in Cheyenne. I have been an EMT for over 30 years. The first 20 were with the US Navy as a Hospital Corpsman. I currently work at the Cheyenne VA and volunteer on their DECON Team. I also volunteered with Laramie County Fire District # 1 for 10 years. I enjoy helping others in their time of need. I like being part of WAEMSA and look forward at keeping it alive.