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Newsletter for the Wyoming Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Association

Summer is now behind us, unfortunately, and colder weather with snow and ice is fast approaching. Not only time to find the ice scrapers, but in EMS its time to prepare for the winter accidents. How's the heater working, where are my long Johns and boots?

Fall also means Trauma Conference has come and gone and boy what a conference the State EMS Office put together. All the hard work that the entire staff put together paid off many times over. Again they have raised the bar for EMS continuing education and networking. CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS to everyone at the State EMS Office for their dedication and work to continuing to improve Wyoming's pre-hospital patient care through education. And thanks to those EMS providers that attended and especially those that stayed home to cover calls!!!

EDITORS NOTE:

It was an honor to have Representative Jeb Stewart attend and speak at this year's conference and for him to recognize the two EMS organizations for their work on the retirement bill. He spoke about the dedication and perseverance it took to get the Wyoming EMS Retirement bill passed this last legislative session. I was honored to accept the award from Representative Stewart with WAPP President Wil Gay on behalf of all of Wyoming EMS. I apologize for not speaking following the presentation of the award. This award is accumulation of over twenty years of work by many folks. I asked Representative Stewart years before he even thought about being a legislator to assist WAEMSA in formulating an EMS Retirement bill and fortunately he continued that work when he was elected to the Legislature.

Unfortunately, we didn't work with the Fire Departments years ago and get our retirement program at that time. Those folks that have dedicated time and money over those years would have had a received some financial benefit for all the volunteer hours they put in with their respective services. As always, hindsight is always 20/20. The hard work of those many folks will now give some financial reward when they elect to retirement from Wyoming EMS.

We have had bills introduced for an EMS Retirement bill over the years that never made it to committee or out of committee. The dedication and don't give up attitude of Wyoming EMS providers are the reason we now have a retirement bill. And I am honored to have been able to be part of that group.

The list of folks that have worked for this bill over the numerous years is large and I am sure that I don't remember all the folks that have worked on this. There are few individuals that were instrumental in pushing for this legislation over the last two years. Some of those folks are: Ann Beckle from Cheyenne who attended all the Joint Labor and Health Committee meetings, the state EMS Office and especially Director Jim Mayberry, Guy Cameron with the Cheyenne Fire Department, Lavonne McNabb from Clark and 1st VP of WAEMSA, George Pechulis from Cheyenne and Director at Large for WAEMSA, Curt Orde from Centennial, the WAPP organization, Will Gay President of WAPP, Lori Wempen, Director of Fremont County EMS, Wyoming Fireman's Association, Dave Simkins with the Cheyenne Fire Department, and Paula Fagnant then Director of the Lincoln County EMS.

I would be amiss if I didn't recognize some of the legislator's that were

Domestic Violence

December 7-9, 2008

**Grand Hyatt Denver
Denver, CO**

*See advertisement in this
newsletter*

MINI-CONFERENCES

Clark Wyoming

Saturday Nov 8, 2008

Clark School

Geriatric Topics

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RED DESERT TRAUMA CONFERENCE 10th Annual

June 5-7, 2009

Rock Springs, WY

EMS Topics including

Mine Rescue

Competition

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June 5-7, 2009

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EMS CONFERENCE DOUGLAS

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instrumental in passing our bill. Senator Pat Aullman from Afton introduced the bill and continued to push for its passage in the Joint Labor and Health Committee as well in the Senate. Representative Sue Wallis from Campbell County continued to support and discussed this bill with other legislators gaining their support.

Representative Thomas Lubnau II from Campbell County was not only a great proponent during the entire process, but especially during the Joint Labor and Health Committee meetings. Senator Charles Scott from Natrona and a member of the Joint Labor and Health Committee would continue to push for the passage and recognized those of us in the audience representing Wyoming EMS and pushed to hear our presentations. And as mentioned Representative Stewart kept us all informed about the status of the bill as well as spoke in support during the committee meetings and on the floor of the House.

We would not have been successful if not for the work of those folks mentioned above as well as all the Senator's and Representative's who supported our efforts and voted in favor of the bill. Also Governor Freudenthal for supporting and signing our bill into law.

With out the support of the Wyoming EMS folks and their emails and letter writing to their respective Senator and Representative explaining how Wyoming EMS operates and who we are, we may not have got out of committee let alone now have a retirement program.

Thanks to the WAEMSA association for allowing me to be a part of this great legislation and Wyoming EMS. My apologies if I missed anyone in my list, it was not intentional, I didn't make a list as things proceeded as I should have. Stop by the State EMS Office and take a look at the plaque with the pen the Governor used to sign our legislation. Jon Said, President WAEMSA and editor of *THE WINDS*.

Annual Membership Meeting

August 21st was the Annual WAEMSA Membership meeting that was held in conjunction with the Wyoming Trauma Conference. Meeting was attended by approximately 25 members. The meeting went very well with discussion concerning the future of our organization, upcoming events and ideas to further patient care in the state.

Election of officers was held in accordance with the By-Laws, but unfortunately there were no nominations for the open position of 2nd Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. The meeting as adjourned without these two positions being filled. The Board was instructed to continue to pursue filling these two positions so they can be filled as soon as possible. At the close of the Trauma Conference several members were questioned about their interest in filling one of the two positions, but there were no takers.

The association continues to operate outside the established By-Laws with these two positions vacant. The association has made some forward progress over the last three years with memberships continuing to increase and monies in the bank, but the association can not continue their progress without filling the two open board positions. It is extremely important to the associations continued success operate with a full board of directors.

Anyone interested in volunteering for either of these positions is encouraged to contact a board member to discuss the respective duties, responsibilities and function of the respective position. The time involved is not that much and board meetings are continuing to be held via teleconference to reduce the time required and cost for travel and travel expenses.

Help your association continue to grow and promote the State of Wyoming's Prehospital Emergency system.

EMS SERVICES

Remember that there are training dollars associated with the Retirement Bill for services that want to put on a conference. You can contact the State EMS Office or Jon Said, President of WAEMSA for details. Take advantage of the FREE MONEY to bring Continuing Medical Education to your service. Many THANKS to Dr.

COUNTRY STORE WILL BE
ON DISPLAY AT AS MANY OF
THE MINI-CONFERENCE AS
POSSIBLE.

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SPECIAL DEALS!!!!!!

James Anderson, MD from Casper for his hard work and push to get these funds allocated.

Contact the Wyoming State Retirement office for your Retirement Program application. Remember, your EMS service MUST be registered with the Wyoming State Retirement Program before individuals can register. Start earning your EMS Retirement money NOW!!!!!!

Colorado Regional Conference on the Health Care Response to Domestic Violence

December 7-9, 2008

**Grand Hyatt Denver
Denver, CO**

Incidences of domestic violence result in nearly 2 million injuries and 1,300 deaths annually in the United States (CDC, 2003).

As a health professional, you are in an ideal position to prevent, detect and effectively intervene in situations of violence against women and children. This three-day conference will educate health care providers on optimal ways to intervene, identify and screen for domestic violence among patients. A practical approach to helping victims of domestic violence will be emphasized, along with best practices and the introduction of new initiatives from Colorado and Rocky Mountain region.

Four workshop tracks will be available: clinical responses, specialized populations, model programs and specialty areas. Who should attend: Physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, dentists, dental hygienists, physical therapists, health care administrators, health policy makers, behavioral and mental health providers, social workers, students of the health sciences, victims/survivors and advocates for victims of domestic violence.

www.ucdenver.edu/domesticviolence/conference

For more information contact the Center on Domestic Violence at 303-315-2489 or cdv@ucdenver.edu.

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Take your advocacy to the next level! Starting spring 2009, the **UC Denver Center on Domestic Violence** is offering a certificate in interpersonal violence prevention, identification and intervention for health professionals. For more information, stay tuned to www.ucdenver.edu/domesticviolence/conference

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A health care provider is likely to be the first person with whom a victim of domestic violence shares her story and, if well informed, may prove a critical link to her health and safety.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations requires written policies to improve identification and assessment of domestic violence victims, provider education, patient consent, and documentation of abuse.

Domestic violence is one of our nation's greatest public health problems resulting in approximately 100,000 days of hospitalization; 28,700 emergency room visits; and 39,900 visits to a physician annually.

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