

THE WINDS

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Newsletter for the Wyoming Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Association

The Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas
and a joyous and prosperous New Year!!!!

Yes, WAEMSA is still alive!!!! I apologize for not publishing *THE WINDS*
sooner. Gravity seems to be getting stronger in Big Piney. Or is it I am getting
lazier as winter sets in. (editor: Jon Said)

The Annual Membership was held during the Wyoming Trauma Conference
on August 21st. Unfortunately, we did not have an official meeting as we were
unable to meet the quorum. A lengthy discussion was held with those
members present as to the future of the organization. President Jon Said
reported that organization had again not been very active during the last
twelve months. He was unable to fill the open positions of 2nd Vice President
and Secretary/Treasurer.

The members present at the meeting felt there is still a need for our
organization and that it has benefits to Wyoming EMS. Our decrease in
membership and interest in our organization was due in part to the decrease in
the exposure when we lost the Trauma Conference. The organization has not
been able to provide increased exposure since that time. It was decided that
the organization must increase that exposure if we are going to continue.
Wyoming EMS, as well as EMS across the nation, has changed and our
organization has not changed with it.

Wendi Phipps from Wamsutter and Larry Macy from Rock Springs
volunteered to fill the Secretary/Treasurer and 2nd Vice President positions,
respectfully. George Pechulis, Director at Large and Lavonne McNabb, 1st
Vice President, and Jon Said, President, agreed to continue in their present
roles. All board members are to serve a one year term with elections for all
board positions will be held during the Wyoming Trauma Conference in
August 2010. It will be decided at that time if the organization has made
enough progress to continue.

The new Board of Directors will meet soon to start planning for the next year
and to set goals to complete the requirement of increasing our exposure and
make necessary changes to the organization to meet the needs of new EMS
providers.

Membership dues notices will be going out in the next month. Unfortunately,
that is one of the items that has been over looked for several months due to

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not having a Secretary/Treasurer. If you have not received your membership dues notice, please fill out the application/renewal on our website and we will get you updated.

The Board of Directors is interested in any and all opinions concerning our organization. If you any opinions you would like to share, please contact one or all of the board members, contact numbers are listed on the first page or at our website WAEMSA.org.

As a courtesy we are sending this issue of *THE WINDS* to all members listed in our data base, memberships paid or not.

MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: LAVONNE MCNABB

Hi! I'm Lavonne McNabb from little old Clark, Wyoming. I've been in EMS for nearly 27 years - 25 of those as an EMT & 22 of those as an EMT-I. My husband and I have raised nearly 600 at-risk boys. I grew up all over since my dad is a minister. So, it was great to settle in Wyoming. My husband and I arrived here just 6 days after our wedding and have loved it ever since. It is home and being involved in EMS is my attempt to help keep it safe. We have 3 kids of our own and 5 grandkids. I work with the Clark First Responders and run on the Powell Ambulance Service and love every minute of it. Remember, stay safe, but if something happens, EMS is there for you!

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: LARRY MACY

Larry Macy is a Nationally Registered Paramedic and Instructor/Coordinator for Western Wyoming Community College. He started his career by taking his Basic EMT course from the one and only Jon Said back in...(I will keep that a secret for Jon's sake) A year after completing his Basic he advanced to a full module Intermediate. Larry graduated from the Swedish HealthOne Paramedic Program December 23rd, 2000. He returned to Rock Springs to work for Vase ambulance service and 4 months later became the Ambulance Director. After 5 years as Director he broke off and became an owner of Sweetwater Medics. In January 2008 he quit running calls and started a career in the oil & gas industry as a safety specialist. Larry has continued to teach at the college and speak at conferences on many subjects. As the new 2nd Vice President of WAEMSA he has volunteered to provide and offer many educational opportunities for WAEMSA members and extend partial opportunities to all EMS Providers in State of Wyoming.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: WENDI PHIPPS

Hi my name is Wendi Phipps and I am from Wamsutter, Wyoming. I have been an EMT for almost 10 years. The last 5 of those or so have been as an intermediate. My mom helped start the local ambulance service in Wamsutter. I grew up being a patient for every EMT class and many trainings the EMT's here would have, so it just seemed natural to become one myself.

I am a working mother of three (two still at home) and volunteer on our local ambulance service. In all my spare time, I help coordinate EMT classes in the area as well as teach First Aid and CPR. I am excited to be becoming more involved in WAEMSA. I have been a member ever since I became an EMT and look forward to helping keep this organization alive and help provide education to my co-workers.

The President and Director at Large will be in the next addition of *THE WINDS*.