

[Click to view this email in a browser](#)



Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2010

The Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers' (FAREMS) mission is to provide a unified voice for EMS providers at a state and local level to expand and improve the delivery of pre-hospital emergency medical service in the rural areas of Florida.

Our Board

President

Mike Patterson
Putnam County Emergency Rescue Service

Vice President

H. Nelson Green, Jr.
Putnam County Emergency Rescue Service

Secretary

David Duke
Tampa General Hospital

Treasurer

Allen Parrish
Bradford County EMS

Region I Representative

Matthew Douglass
Walton County Fire Rescue

Region II Representative

Trish Seibold
Levy County EMS

Region III Representative

Donna Akin
Hendry County EMS

Dates

September 10, 2010

Strategic Planning Meeting
WellFlorida Council, Inc.
Gainesville

September 24, 2010

Chad A. Reed Memorial Scholarship
Application Due Date

October 6, 2010

General Meeting
Hilton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel
Fort Lauderdale

January 19, 2011

General Meeting
Ocean Center
Daytona Beach

Chad A. Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund

by *Tracy Burger*
FAREMS Program Coordinator

On January 14, 2010, Captain Chad A. Reed of the Dixie County Sheriff's office was killed in the line of duty at age 33. Captain Reed was a lifelong advocate and servant in public safety and dedicated to rural Florida as demonstrated by his numerous roles in Dixie County public service. Since high school, Chad worked passionately for the citizens of his community as volunteer, emergency medical technician, firefighter, clerk of court, director of emergency services, and deputy sheriff.

In 2003, Captain Reed was instrumental in establishing the Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers (FAREMS), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving pre-hospital care for rural Florida citizens. Today, FAREMS offers training, advocacy, information, networking, recruitment and retention assistance, and scholarships to emergency medical service providers in Florida's 33 rural counties.

FAREMS has offered educational scholarships to potential paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMT) since 2007. These scholarships are awarded to individuals living and working in rural Florida counties who demonstrate leadership skills, a commitment to the rural community he/she serves, and academic aptitude. To date, 40 such scholarships have been provided to individuals in 14 different rural Florida counties. In January 2010, FAREMS renamed this scholarship program the Chad A. Reed Memorial Scholarship program in honor of Captain Reed's service and dedication to rural Florida and public safety.

Grants from state and federal resources have, to date, supplied funding for this scholarship program, however, such sources are volatile and unpredictable. In an effort to ensure the stability of funds for future scholarship opportunities, an endowment has been established with a goal of raising \$350,000 to serve as the principle amount to continue to award scholarships annually.

We need your help. Donate today and ensure the continuation of these scholarship funds and the memorial of Captain Reed. Checks should be made to: Chad A. Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund, PO Box 358582, Gainesville, FL 32635-8582. FAREMS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All funds will be administered by the Gainesville Community Foundation, www.gnvcf.org, and all contributions are tax deductible as a charitable gift.

Thank you for your support.

EMT and Paramedic Scholarship Availability

FAREMS is dedicated to supporting rural Florida EMS agencies in their efforts to improve pre-hospital emergency care in their communities. In order to improve the level of care emergency medical care provided to rural Florida citizens, in October 2010, the Chad A. Reed Memorial Scholarship program will award EMT and paramedic scholarships to selected persons living in Florida's 33 rural counties. Eligible applicants must reside in a rural Florida county, be recommended by an EMS director, and submit a completed application form with required attachments. Paramedic applicants must have six months of EMT experience. Applications are due September 24th and available on our website at www.farems.org. You may contact Tracy at 352-256-5503 or tburger@farems.org for more information.

Summer 2010

The Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers' (FAREMS) mission is to provide a unified voice for EMS providers at a state and local level to expand and improve the delivery of pre-hospital emergency medical service in the rural areas of Florida.

Recruitment Video Wins State Award

Our Partners



Visit our
website: www.farems.org



On June 29th, the Florida Bureau of EMS awarded FAREMS the 2010 State EMS Video of the Year Award for our youth recruitment video. The 11-minute video was designed for use wherever agencies wish to recruit youth into EMS in rural Florida, including high school career fairs, careers days, and health fairs. FAREMS thanks Mike McDaniel of Alchemy Sound & Video and Charlie Matthews of Creek Media Group for their production work on the video and brochures.

The video is posted on our website, www.farems.org. If you are an agency member and have not received your copies or would like additional copies contact Tracy at 352-256-5503 or tburger@farems.org.

Group Purchasing with NCEMSC

Did you know that agency members of FAREMS are automatically members of the North Central EMS Cooperative (NCEMSC) group purchasing program? The NCEMSC is in existence to reduce member cost, improve quality and efficiency and establish standard specifications for organizations, supplies and equipment through this joint purchasing program. The NCEMSC offers products such as ambulances, defibrillators, medical supplies, firefighting equipment and supplies, and more, from companies like Zoll, Kaplan Continuing Education, and BoundTree Medical. Check out their pricing at www.ncemsc.org. Questions? Contact Tracy at tburger@farems.org.

Are You a Member Yet?

FAREMS offers members numerous ways to improve pre-hospital emergency medical service in their community. Our 2009 agency members saw a 238% return on their investment and received services worth \$3.38 for every \$1.00 spent. Many educational offerings FAREMS provides are *only* available to agency members. Questions about membership and/or benefits? Contact Tracy at 352-256-5503 or tburger@farems.org, or visit our website at www.farems.org.

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via US Mail, please contact Tracy at tburger@farems.org.

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: [Unsubscribe](#)

PO Box 358582
Gainesville, FL 32635-8582

[Read](#) the VerticalResponse marketing policy.

