

FAREMS

Rural Dispatch

Quarterly Newsletter

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.

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The EMS Spirit

I would like to thank everyone from FAREMS for all the good work that we do together. We have shown that together we can accomplish much more than if we try to do it by ourselves. But I would like to take a minute to speak to my fellow brothers and sisters in EMS--the senior crowd that has been doing EMS (it seems like forever) and the younger people that are coming up the ranks to replace us. Don't get me wrong. I'm not implying that what we are being replaced with is not better and I am not saying it is not the same. What I do see is an unexplainable loss. It seems like everyone works hard these days but for different reasons than why we used to. It seems like people are working to develop their skills and talents for the sole reason of being promoted or getting ahead in the industry. We have lost that kindred spirit that used to make what we do important.

Our EMS communities should be supporting each other and building up each other in every way possible. We Baby Boomers are on the way out, and the Generation X, Ys, and others are starting to learn to take the helm. What makes it even more important that we all understand and support each other are these bad economic times. Some of the vets have been through this in years past but many of our new folks

have never seen anything like it. It is so important that we pool our resources and let go of antiquated ways of thinking. We are required to do more with less and we are going to have to figure out how. For all of us to survive we are going to have to start listening to each other and accepting new ways of doing things. Public policy is dynamic and we have to be ready, willing, and able to be agents of change. We know that the status quo is safe and usually meets very little resistance, but now is not the time for status quo EMS. Fresh ideas from our new talent combined with experienced leadership are winning combinations in order to bring EMS into the next era.

The first ambulance that I ever worked in was a hearse-type Cadillac with very little room to adequately care for the patient. Equipment, procedures, vehicles, and many other things have changed in the last 30 years, make no mistake. But I encourage everyone to rekindle that spirit that EMS had that was so very important to all of us. As always, I am proud to serve the citizens of Florida and equally proud to serve all of you. All the Best - Mike

Michael Patterson
FAREMS Board President



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Dates

January 16, 2009
Winter 2009 Paramedic and
EMT Scholarship Application
Deadline

January 28, 2009
General Meeting
Ocean Center at Ocean Walk
Village, Daytona Beach

Our Partners



Membership Benefits

It is membership renewal time! If you haven't submitted your 2009 FAREMS membership dues, please do so. FAREMS offers members numerous ways to improve pre-hospital emergency medical service in their community. Many educational offerings FAREMS provides are only available to agency members. EMT and paramedic scholarships are only awarded

to individuals serving in agency member counties. Just these two services alone can more than account for the annual membership dues of an agency. Questions about membership and benefits? Contact Tracy at 352-256-5503 or visit our website at www.farems.org.

Ad Space Available

FAREMS.org has space available for posting EMS agency staff openings. This service is available to FAREMS agency members only. Additionally, job-seekers are offered free space

to post their resume for dozens of EMS agencies to review. Visit our website or contact Tracy at 352-256-5503 for more information.

More Stroke Training!

FAREMS has secured a contract with the Florida Department of Health to provide Advanced Stroke Life Support (ASLS) train-the-trainer classes to EMS providers in rural Florida. Once instructors are certified, staff at the Neuroscience Institute at Shands Jacksonville will mentor and monitor ASLS

courses given to EMS personnel around the state by these new instructors. Textbooks and educational licensing materials will be available for new instructors to continue the program. If personnel at your agency are interested in becoming ASLS instructors or you would like to host a class, contact Tracy at 352-256-5503.

Winter 2009 Scholarship Applications

Winter 2009 EMT and paramedic scholarship applications are now available. Visit our website, www.farems.org, to download applications. Since spring 2007, FAREMS has awarded 32 paramedic scholarships and

13 EMT scholarships to individuals committed to living and working in one of Florida's rural counties. The application deadline is January 16, 2009.

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