

NCEMSFS NEWS

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"There are no secrets to success. Don't waste time looking for them. Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence."
 – Colin Powell

Message from the President

George J. Koenig, Jr., NCEMSFS President

Welcome to the ninth annual NCEMSFS conference! Whether this is your first conference or your ninth conference, I am confident that the memories and friends that you make at this conference will last well into the future. I urge you to take the opportunity to talk to other organizations, meet your regional coordinator, attend the lectures, and most of all have fun. The network of friends and colleagues that you build today will allow you to strengthen your organization in the future. If there is anything that I can assist you with, please feel free to ask.

As I was reviewing the statistics of conference registrants, I saw an overwhelming number of new attendees. I felt that it would be fitting for me to share with you the history of NCEMSFS. NCEMSFS was founded in the early 1990s. With the widespread use of computers linked via the Internet, e-mail communication among campus emergency responders was commonplace. For readers of the emergency services Usenet group (misc.emerg-services) and its related e-mail list (EMERG-L), there was occasionally a thread about campus-related EMS. But frequently, discussions on the topic of campus EMS were shunned as inappropriate or obscure. As a result, the campus EMS groups that existed were

isolated since there was not a forum where they could openly communicate.

In 1993, in response to a need for information exchange among campus EMS groups, the National Collegiate EMS Foundation (NCEMSFS) was established. A loosely associated nationwide group of campus responders was formally brought together by a listserv dedicated to collegiate EMS. Filling a niche, NCEMSFS quickly grew. In April 1994, NCEMSFS held its first conference at Georgetown University. Representatives from over twenty campus EMS organizations spent the weekend of April 8-10 learning about EMS, meeting each other, and having a great time.

It is amazing that our conference has grown to almost 400 attendees representing over fifty schools. However, this would not be possible without you and the efforts of your organization. Many thanks to Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps for sponsoring the conference, and the Board of Directors of NCEMSFS for their never-ending support. I hope that you have a wonderful conference.

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Peter P. Pascucci

Peter Pascucci was the NCEMSF Campus EMS Provider of the Year in 2001.

When Eviction Is a Good Thing

Peter P. Pascucci, NCEMSF Northeast Regional Coordinator
Commander, University of Rhode Island EMS (1998-2000)

Two years ago, when Robert Hart became the Commander of the University of Rhode Island (URI) EMS he knew he would be embarking on new endeavors. Never did he imagine that one of them would involve designing a new station.

For the past 15 years URI EMS has been headquartered in either the basement of Adams Residential Hall or in the basement of the police station. In both instances this placed the department in cramped quarters with used furniture and a lack of appropriate space and facilities. Additionally, neither location had the capacity to garage the ambulance; therefore, it was kept outside throughout the winters of New England.

So how did Hart get the University to grant his request for a new station? Simple, he got evicted. That is right, URI EMS, as a result of a residence hall renovation campaign is being evicted by the University.

The current location of the station will be the dorms new elevator mechanical room. According to Hart, the possibility of building a new station had been placed on the debate floor with the University in the past and had been deemed too expensive.

The proving factor this time turned on the lack of open space in the University that met the needs of EMS. So Hart again pitched the idea to University officials who have embraced it warmly. Anyone who has a conversation with Hart sees his enthusiasm in the new station when he tells you "[i]t will not be another basement room."

So what types of new features are included in the plans? While exact items are still being addressed with the University architect; some of the planned features include: male and female locker and bunk rooms, separate offices for the Commanders, a watch room, garage space for two vehicles (to leave room for future growth), and even a heated apron to prevent icing in the winter months.

While it will not be a castle, Hart believes will meet the needs of the department and University. When asked how the members of the department felt about the new station Hart stated, "they are excited...it will really help boost department morale and serve as an attractive aspect of recruitment and retention." While things are still being finalized completion is scheduled for the spring of 2003.



First Ever Richard Vomacka Seminar Competition

Dr. Scott C. Savett, Vice President, NCEMSF

This year's conference includes the first annual Richard Vomacka Student Seminar Competition. Named for NCEMSF's mentor who passed away in October 2001, this symposium is a chance for student lecturers to showcase their presentation skills and earn bragging rights for their

collegiate EMS organization.

Abstracts were solicited, of which the NCEMSF board chose three to be presented.

The competition kicks off the

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Christine Borgstrom

“When Disaster Strikes” Seminar a Success

Christine Borgstrom, Lieutenant, Rice University EMS

On Saturday, January 26, 2002, Rice University hosted an all-day seminar entitled, “When Disaster Strikes: Managing the Response to Terrorism and Multiple Casualty Incidents.”

Over 125 law enforcement officers and EMS personnel attended the event held on the Rice University campus.

Six speakers with a variety of backgrounds presented a range of topics related to weapons of mass destruction and responding to multiple casualty incidents.

Topics of discussion included:

- pathophysiology and epidemiology of weapons of mass destruction
- classification and assessment of terrorist threats
- incident command system
- interagency coordination
- corporate response to terrorism
- new federal guidelines for disaster response

The “When Disaster Strikes” is the first seminar of its kind hosted by Rice University Emergency Medical Services. We hope that the success of this event will help to maintain momentum for future educational offerings at Rice University. ✍

NCEMSF Refines Conference Registration System

Dr. Scott C. Savett, Vice President, NCEMSF

As you’ve hopefully noticed by now, NCEMSF does its best to be techno-savvy when it comes to using the Web to make the Foundation’s administration easier. The registration system for this year’s conference is no exception.

It was only two years ago at the 7th annual NCEMSF conference in Delaware when we attempted our first online registration. Admittedly, checking in at the conference was clunky and slow.

In subsequent years we have refined the system to make registering, paying for, and checking into the conference as simple as possible.

We do listen to your feedback about our conferences. For example, this year we started allowing organizations to bulk register their members for the conference. Over twenty-five groups took advantage of

this option, and it should make checking into the conference quick and easy. So, if there’s something that *you’d* like to see changed for future conferences, please let us know!

While the barcode on your registration form may make you feel like an item on the supermarket shelf, you can be confident it’s one small step that we’ve taken to ensure a pleasant conference experience.

And your conference experience doesn’t end when you leave the Marriott on Sunday afternoon. As in past years, NCEMSF will be building a permanent archive of conference-related memorabilia. Please send your conference-related pictures and anecdotes to: conf2002@ncemsf.org. Conference photos can also be sent to the Foundation’s postal address elsewhere in this newsletter.

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The use of barcodes should make check-in at this year’s conference easier than ever before.



"Keeping alumni involved is the backbone of maintaining your organization."

Keeping Your Alumni Involved

David I. Bacall, NCEMSF Alumni Coordinator

A spring semester begins, they may be a few friends that are no longer "big fish" in our little campus world and have gone on to try being "little fish" in the real world. Just because they are not students anymore doesn't mean they have stopped caring about EMS. Now is a great opportunity to keep those former members involved by adding them to your alumni directory. If you haven't started one yet, this might be the time to do just that. Perhaps a new alum / recent grad, would be willing to take on the task and remain involved.

Keeping alumni involved is the backbone of maintaining your organization. Take the NCEMSF as an example, almost all of the leadership are alumni of their alma maters. Remember how hard it was when you first stated getting involved? So do they. They also remember how they solved some of those problems and who they had to kiss up to in the deans office to get something done.

Your school may not allow alumni to ride a shift for insurance reasons, but there are no rules about them helping out in the office.

This weekend I'm sure you will meet a great deal of Alumni. Test the system and ask them a few questions. Oscar Wilde, although not a campus EMS alum as far as I know, stated "The only thing to do with good advice is to pass it on. It is never of any use to ones self." This weekend Take that advice to heart, teach and learn alike.

As the NCEMSF alumni coordinator I will be around all weekend long to assist any school in creating and maintaining a database of alumni. The NCEMSF has activities, ideas and tactics to help make you alumni group successful. Please feel free to find and board member and ask them how you use the past to create the future.

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News from the New York Region

Alex Arriaga, NCEMSF New York Regional Coordinator

Geneseo First Response, under the leadership of Matthew Skeritt (Captain) and Seth Arrow (Operations), has just been approved to provide twenty-four hour, seven days a week service to their coverage area, an extension from their previous 1900-700 coverage of years past.

Union College EMS, currently led by Lisa Visentin and Vinod Voleti (Directors), is continuing its program with Schenctady County Community College to offer EMT training to its membership. In addition, it has continued to provide free CPR training to its members and the campus community. They provide

coverage to their campus environs on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, in addition to campus sporting events, formal dances, graduation, and Alumni Weekend.

Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps (SBVAC), led by Joshua Moskovitz (Director), has been working hard to bring the 2002 NCEMSF conference. Our thanks goes out to Joshua and the hard working members of SBVAC.

Columbia University EMS (CAVA), led by Alex Arriaga (Director) and Joshua Marks (Captain) worked with University Health Services and the

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NCEMSF Regional Coordinators serve as liaisons between campus EMS organizations and the Foundation

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Regional Coordinator Positions Available

Josh Marks, NCEMSF National Coordinator

Are you interested in taking on a more active role within NCEMSF, networking with other collegiate EMS providers, and gaining leadership experience? If so, there are several Regional Coordinator (RC) spots available.

Regional coordinators are responsible for maintaining accurate contact information for all existing groups in their regions, reaching out to colleges and universities in their regions that do not currently have EMS programs, and making others in the region and the nation aware of local news and events at particular schools. Regional coordinators serve as schools' primary NCEMSF contact and are available to answer questions and provide advice and guidance on all aspects of collegiate EMS.

The open regions are:

- Massachusetts (MA)
- Mid Atlantic (DC, DE, MD, VA, WV)
- Northern New England (ME, NH, VT)

- Southeast (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)
- West (AK, CA, HI, NV, OR, WA)

Other regions will also be opening shortly as some of the current RCs are graduating and will no longer have the time to adequately serve their constituents.

If you are interested in one of the open positions please speak to me at the conference. If you could not make it to the conference, please submit an application to me via email including your name, school affiliation, contact information (email and telephone number) and a little about yourself and why you would like/are good for the position. My email address is nc@ncemsf.org.

Thank you in advance for your interest and I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

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Regional EMS Council to bring two new emergency medications (epinephrine and albuterol) to their standard of care. They have also recently worked with the New York City Volunteer Ambulance Corporation to become participating NYC 911 Members. They are currently ahead of pace of their annual 500 call-a-year volume, and are in the final stages of

purchasing a new ambulance. On September 11th, several CAVA members went as medical standby to ground zero, while their ambulance became the 911 coverage for the Upper West Side. They operate twenty-four hour, seven days a week for the Morningside Heights community, and are staffed by 50 NYS EMT's.

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Saturday morning activities at 9am. Grab some breakfast goodies and take them into the student session that most interests you. A list of topics can be found in the conference program.

Speakers will be evaluated by a panel of judges. The winner of the competition will be recognized at the awards banquet Saturday night.

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This year's conference is the largest NCEMSF gathering ever: 400 people from 60 organizations in 19 different states.

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**2003 Conference: Do you have what it takes?**

NCEMSF is seeking proposals for the hosting of the 2003 conference. The conference will be held in the Winter / Spring of 2003. The annual conference is an opportunity for campus EMS providers to get

together and share ideas; and most importantly highlight your school and EMS group to the nation. For more information or to submit a proposal visit the Conference 2003 Web site: <http://www.ncemsf.org/conf2003>

Flash Back: Past Annual NCEMSF Conference Hosts

1994 - Georgetown University

1995 - Villanova University

1996 - Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.

1997 - Marshall University

1998 - University of Hartford &
Trinity College

1999 - Syracuse University

2000 - University of Delaware

2001 - Rochester Inst. Of Tech.