MEMSA was incorporated in 1976 in affiliation with the National Association of EMTs. MEMSA promotes the professional status of all EMS people; encourages standardization of training and testing; and offers continuing education programs for its members. On January 1, 2009 MEMSA merged with the Minnesota Ambulance Association (MAA) in an effort to combine the EMS organizations throughout the state of Minnesota. MEMSA, as a result of the merge, is now a committee of MAA.

MEMSA is a strong and vital professional association to represent people in EMS, whether they are functioning on an ambulance, in a hospital, in industry, as a law enforcement officer, with a fire department, or on a rescue squad.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?
You should join to take advantage of the many benefits offered by MEMSA. Here are a few:

- PUBLICATIONS: As a MEMSA member, you will receive the MEMSA Newsletter. It is filled with information designed to keep you abreast of the latest developments in EMS.

- EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE: MEMSA hosts an annual conference in the fall of the year which offers administrative, clinical, and instructor workshops, all approved for National Registry continuing education credit.

  As a member of MEMSA you receive a discount on the conference registration fee.

- AWARDS: Each year MEMSA presents an “EMT of the Year Award” and “EMS Service of the Year Award” to a person and EMS service for significant contributions to the EMS profession. The “First Responder of the Year Award” is presented to a First Responder Squad member.

  Other awards given by MEMSA include: “Meritorious Service Award” and the “Golden Stork Award.”

- SCHOLARSHIP: Each year MEMSA presents the Ed Peterson scholarship to a first time EMT or First Responder who is taking or going to take the class.
MEMBERSHIP

MEMSA is composed of 8 Regions, which are geographically located as indicated by the map.

Membership in MEMSA is open to anyone who wishes to promote the professional status of EMS. As a member you automatically become a member of one of the 8 Regions in the state.

To join or renew a membership with MEMSA please go to the MAA website at www.mnems.org and follow the directions given to join MAA. After you have joined MAA it will give you an option to join MEMSA or one of the other committees listed. If you have any questions in regards to membership in MAA or MEMSA please contact Lance Ross, Executive Director of MAA at (651) 249-9506 or lance.ross@mmems.org.
The MEMSA Conference is a comprehensive program for those involved in pre-hospital emergency care. Sessions are designed for the EMT, First Responder, and Paramedic.

SITE
Friday, October 30, Saturday, October 31, & Sunday, November 1, Best Western, 1111 Range St., North Mankato, MN.
From Hwy 169 take the Webster Ave. exit
From Hwy 14 take Hwy 169 S. and turn right onto the Webster Ave. exit

ACCREDITATION
Programs have been designed to meet the continuing education requirements for 2 contact hours for Friday, 6.25 contact hours for Saturday, and 5 contact hours for Sunday (13 1/4 total three-day conference) for EMT’s, First Responders, and Paramedics.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Best Western is offering conference participants a discounted room rate of $87 (Sgl or Dbl), plus tax and free parking. Hotel amenities include restaurant, lounge, indoor pool, whirlpool, and exercise center. Guest room amenities include cable with HBO, free local calls, high speed internet, coffee maker, and hair dryer. For reservations, please call 1-507-625-9333. Refer to the MN Emergency Medical Services Association Conference to receive the special discounted rate. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY OCTOBER 9, 2009.

REGISTRATION
Advance registration is highly recommended. Registration is limited to the first 400 registrants. Attached is a registration form that includes fees and deadlines. Registration fees for all events include refreshment breaks, lunch and social/dance (cash bar) on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, continuing education certificates, and all program materials. Make check payable to MEMSA Conference and mail with registration form to: MEMSA Conference, 221 W Maple St., Edgerton, MN 56128. You can also register online at www.mnems.org after September 1, 2009.
**Walk-ins:** On-site registration will be made available as space permits. Registration materials will be available at the registration desk beginning at 6 p.m., Fri., Oct. 30, 2009.

**Refunds:** Full refunds will be made if notice of cancellation is received at least one week prior to opening date of the conference. No refunds will be made after that time.

**PROGRAM CHANGES**
The Conference Committee reserves the right to change or alter program contents/schedule.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Silent Auction:** There will be a silent auction held at the conference this year for various donated items. The auction will run Friday night and until 2 p.m. on Saturday. The winners will be announced Saturday at the 3:10 p.m. break. If interested in donating an item for the auction please contact a committee member listed below. **Proceeds will go to support the awards and scholarship.**

**Awards & Scholarships:** There are several awards and a scholarship that are presented on Saturday during the noon lunch. These awards include the EMT of the Year, EMS Service of the Year, the First Responder of the Year, and the Ed Peterson Scholarship. If interested in nominating a person or service for one of the awards or to apply for the scholarship the deadline is October 9, 2009. Please contact a committee member listed below or go to www.mnems.org for more information or an awards and scholarship application packet.

**State Board Elections:** Elections for MEMSA state board members will be held at the conference this year (only MEMSA members are allowed to vote). Ballots will be at the registration table or an absentee ballot can be requested by contacting a committee member listed below.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Wayne Landuis, (507) 442-3649
Melanie Ver Hey, (507) 442-5359
Kelly Gillespie, (507) 442-3444
E-mail: memsa_state@yahoo.com
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009**

3:00 P.M.  Conference set up  
Vendor set up

6:00 - 8:00 P.M.  Conference Registration

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  Pre-Conference Workshop:  **2.0 hours credit**

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**“GEMS - Geriatric Assessment for EMS”**  
*Al Benney - NREMT-P & Bob McCarthy - BS, EMT-B*

Over 80% of the calls we make are for geriatric patients. Are we giving these gems the best care we can, or do we say “it’s just another old person?” This session will highlight the GEMS curriculum and will use high fidelity simulation to illustrate the care of the geriatric patient.

9:00 - 10:00 P.M.  MEMSA State Board Meeting

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2009**

7:00 A.M.  Conference Registration and Refreshments  
Vendors setup

8:00 - 8:15 A.M.  WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:15 - 10:00 A.M.  **General Session:  1.75 hours credit**

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**“What’s New with EMS & Public Safety?”**  
*Presented by various EMS experts*

This session will cover what’s new with EMS & Public Safety in the state of MN. Areas that will be discussed will include the new state wide trauma system, the 800Mhz radio upgrade, and other issues effecting EMS & public safety.

10:00 - 10:30 A.M.  Refreshment Break  
Vendor Exhibits Open

10:30 - 11:30 A.M.  **Breakout Sessions:  1.0 hours credit**

1. **Breakout Session**

**“EMS Guidelines for Traumatic Brain Injuries”**  
*Carol Ann Smith - RN, BAN, CNRN*

This presentation will focus on the pre-hospital phase of care for the patient with a severe traumatic brain injury, utilizing the national guidelines developed by the Brain Trauma Foundation. Assessment and initial treatment of brain injured patient will be discussed. Decision making within the EMS system (dispatch, scene, transport, and destination) will also be covered.

2. **Breakout Session**

**“Pediatric Trauma: Assessment, Treatment, & Transport”**  
*Paula Fink-Kockey - MD, FAAP*

Pediatric Trauma continues to be a major threat to the health and well-being of children. The need for appropriate and rapid intervention for childhood trauma is critical. This presentation discusses pediatric trauma assessment, treatment and transport in the pre hospital setting.
3. Breakout Session
“Ambulance Strike Teams, Medical Task Forces & the Red River Valley Response”
Ron Robinson, MA, BA, NREMT-P
Ron will discuss the Medical Task Force response to the Red River Valley Floods of 2009. Ron will update us with the past year’s progress on ambulance strike teams and where they will go in the future.

11:30 - 1:00 P.M.
Luncheon
Awards Presentation and Annual Business Meeting
Vendor Exhibits Open

1:00 - 2:00 P.M.
Breakout Sessions: 1.0 hours credit

1. Breakout Session
“Cardiology Technology from a Basic Perspective”
Jeff Schultz - CCEMT-P & NREMT-P
This program will help bring out some cardiology technology that we will see in the EMS field or have seen and wonder why we are using this. A look at CPAP and the effects that it has on the cardiac system will be addressed. CPR feedback software will also be looked at.

2. Breakout Session
“EKGs 101”
Wes Halverson - NREMT-P, BA, AHA Faculty
Ever wonder what the monitor is saying to the Paramedic and why they do certain things at certain times based off of the interpretation. EKG 101 will break down the heart rhythm so you can understand the basics of what makes the heart tick and what you can do within your skill set to assist the patient.

3. Breakout Session
“Choosing the End of Life: SUICIDE”
Al Benney - NREMT-P
Few calls we answer are as devastating for everyone involved as suicide. The effects on us tend to last longer than for most of the patients we see. Not all suicide attempts are truly an attempt to end a life. Come prepared to share your experiences and ways to cope with this uncomfortable and long-lasting situation.

2:00 - 2:10 P.M.
Break

2:10 - 2:40 P.M.
MEMSA State Board Meeting
(election certification)

2:10 - 3:10 P.M.
Breakout Sessions: 1.0 hours credit
SAME AS 1:00 PM SESSIONS
3:10 - 3:40 P.M.  Vendor Exhibits Open
3:40 - 5:20 P.M.  General Session: 1.5 hours credit

“Legislator Outreach”
O.J. Doyle, EMS Consultant & Local Legislators
Join us for hors d’oeuvres and good discussion of recent legislation in MN and what the next legislative session will look like. Find out background of how the process works and what you can do to help. Hors d’oeuvres will be provided by MAA.

8:30 P.M. - 12:30 A.M.  Social/Dance - Halloween Costume Party
DJ Services - Dave Scheff, St. Peter, MN
Cash Bar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

7:00 A.M.  Conference Registration
Breakfast Buffet
8:15 - 8:30 A.M.  WELCOME
8:30 - 10:00 A.M.  General Session: 1.5 hours credit

“How to Save a Life”
MN State Patrol
Join the MN State Patrol as they share with us their new video “How to Save a Life.” This is a very moving video that uses some great music and effective pictures. The State Patrol will share their message; explain how you can get this presentation to your community, and some more information about the State Patrol.

10:00 - 10:15 A.M.  Refreshment Break
10:15 - 11:15 A.M.  Breakout Sessions: 1.0 hours credit
1. Breakout Session

“Purple Haze”
Kirk Hughes - RN, EMT, CSPI
A look at the common drugs pre-hospital EMS common encounters. Taxol, Seroquel, Aricept .. What the heck are these? What are the common “recreational” or illicit drugs that are seen in the pre-hospital setting? Kirk Hughes from MN Poison Control will help us through the foggy purple haze.

2. Breakout Session

“How Head Trauma”
Dr. Mike Wilcox - MD
Head injuries will be covered with explanation upon causes, age groups involved, outcomes, and preventive studies.
3. Breakout Session

“And Baby Make...”

*Travis Spier, NREMT-P, RN, CCEMT-P*

Review of physiological changes that occur with pregnancy and the event timeline leading up to a prehospital delivery.

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“Trauma Case Studies”

*Dr. Pat Lilja, MD*

Dr. Lilja has been around for quite some time and seen some very interesting calls. He will educate us on recent trauma calls, what was done, and what the outcomes were. This is always a very educational session where each case is sure to be interesting and you might even recognize a couple of the case studies.

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**October 15-17**

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**JACKPOT JUNCTION**

Morton, Minnesota
ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**Al Benney, NREMT-P**, began his EMS career as an EMT for Stillwater Ambulance almost 30 years ago. Since then he has worked full time as an ALS and Critical Care Paramedic in ground and air transport, as well as teaching courses ranging from CPR and First Responder through ACLSEP and PALS. Over the past 4 years Al has concentrated on using high fidelity simulators in the courses he teaches and currently is employed by both Hennepin Technical College and North Ambulance.

**Bob McCarthy, BS, EMT-B**, has been involved in EMS for over 32 years as an EMT, Paramedic, Educator, and administrator. Bob has always looked for ways to provide the best in patient care. Since 1995 Bob has been the EMS program Director with Hennepin Technical College.

**Carol Ann Smith, RN, BAN, & CNRN**, is currently the Program Coordinator of the Traumatic Brain Injury Center & Stroke Center at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN. She has over 30 years experience in caring for the neuroscience patient population and is Board certified in Neuroscience nursing. She is an active member of the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses- Twin Cities Area Chapter. Carol Ann has given over 40 professional presentations on neuroscience nursing on a local, regional, and national level.

**Paula Fink-Kocken, MD, FAAP**, is the co medical director of Emergency Medical Services for Children Resource Center in Minnesota, as well as the director of the department of Emergency Preparedness with Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota. She has been a pediatric emergency physician for nearly 21 years, 19 of which have been at Children’s, and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Kocken earned her Medical Doctorate degree from Indiana University in Indianapolis. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree with distinction in psychology from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

**Ron Robinson, MA, BA, & NREMT-P**, is currently the Metro Region EMS Coordinator and a Adjunct Professor at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. Ron’s past positions in EMS has included working for North Memorial as the Metro Operations Supervisor, Emergency Paramedic, and a instructor. Ron has also served as a Flight Paramedic for Wings of Care and Brooklyn Park Firefighter.

**Jeff Schultz, NREMT-P & CCEMT-P**, has been in EMS for 28 years and currently works at Mayo Clinic Medical Transport as an instructor/paramedic and work on the emergency response team.

**Wes Halverson, NREMT-P, BA, & AHA Faculty**, is the EMS Director for Cottage Grove FD/EMS, Wes is in his 10th year of EMS. Wes has experience with rural and metro ambulance services. Wes brings an entertaining and informative teaching style to each of his presentations.

**O.J. Doyle, EMS Consultant**, has been representing EMS Providers in the State of Minnesota for decades. OJ started out as a Paramedic providing patient care in the streets. Now OJ provides for you, the provider, so you can do your job day in and day out. His legislative track record in the state of Minnesota is most impressive.

**Kirk Hughes, RN, EMT, & CSPI**, works with the MN Poison Control and is also an EMT. Kirk has a wealth of knowledge of the different drugs, medications and substances that we see in the pre-hospital setting.

**Dr. Mike Wilcox, MD**, has bee providing medical direction and working as an EMS provider for many years. Currently he is the Medical Director for numerous services in the South Central and South Metro Regions.

**Travis Spier, NREMT-P, RN, CCEMT-P**, is a paramedic educator for Sanford USD Medical Center – The EMS Resource Center. He currently manages a monthly EMS education network through a contract with the South Dakota Department of Public Safety - Office of EMS and serves as a Flight Paramedic for Sanford Intensive Air. His involvement in EMS over the past 23 years offers a variety of experiences and teaching tracks. He has served in both prehospital and hospital based EMS systems in addition to teaching in a variety of educational environments. He is a Nationally Registered Paramedic, Critical Care Paramedic and Registered Nurse. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor at Colorado Technical University in the field of Health Sciences.

**Dr. Pat Lilja, MD**, has bee providing medical direction and working as an EMS provider for many years. Currently he is he Medical Director for North Memorial EMS and the MN State Patrol.
REGISTRATION

MEALS PROVIDED: lunch Sat., breakfast Sun., and breaks

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MEMSA Conference

RETURN REGISTRATION TO: Address on back cover

You can also choose to register online at www.mnems.org after September 1, 2009

NAME (Please print legibly)

ADDRESS (Street/Rural or PO Box)

☑ Home ☐ Work

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE AFFILIATION COUNTY

EMAIL

CERTIFICATION

☐ MD ☐ RN ☐ LPN ☐ EMT-P ☐ EMT ☐ First Responder

☐ Fire Fighter ☐ Other ______________________

REGISTRATION FEES

ADVANCED (postmarked by October 16, 2009)

☐ Friday Evening Pre-Conference $40 ☑ $40

☐ Saturday and Sunday $100 ☑ $125

☐ Saturday only $65 ☑ $80

☐ Sunday only $65 ☑ $80

LATE/AT DOOR (AFTER October 16, 2009)

☐ Friday Evening Pre-Conference $45 ☑ $45

☐ Saturday and Sunday $110 ☑ $135

☐ Saturday only $75 ☑ $100

☐ Saturday only $75 ☑ $100

TOTAL DUE ________________

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