35th Annual Nebraska Statewide EMS Summer Conference

July 11 – 13, 2014

Younes Conference Center
Kearney, NE

www.nebraskaems.com
**Registration**
Stop by the registration desk at the Younes Conference Center to pick up your packet and nametag or to register as a walk in.

**Registration OPEN:**
Thursday night from 7 – 9 pm  
Friday & Saturday from 7:30 am to 1 pm

**Name Tags & Meals**
Your name tag badge is required for admission to all classes and for meals. Lunch on Friday and Saturday and the Awards Banquet Saturday night are included with each paid registration. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs. You may purchase additional meal or banquet tickets at our conference registration desk.

**Classes**
There will be 4 tracks running on Friday and Saturday morning with Track 1 being our Advanced Life Support (ALS) track. We will have General Sessions in the afternoon. There will be three (3) tracks on Sunday morning.

**Miscellaneous**
- Classroom temperatures vary so please dress in layers.
- Only paid participants may attend classes, children are not allowed.

**CONTACT**
NE Statewide Conference Staff at nestatewideems@gmail.com or call Carol at 402-880-8203

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**General Information**

**Continuing Education**
Attending all session for the full conference will result in earning 15 contact hours or 6 hours if you attend all of the sessions for a single day (Friday or Saturday). There are 2.5 hours available on Sunday morning.

Participants will receive a continuing education (CE) sticker to affix to his/her Training Certificate that is included with each conference packet. Each session sticker is awarded 1.25 CE contact hours.

**Vendor Area**
Breaks and exhibits will be in the Crystal Rooms located in the Younes Conference Center. Exhibits will be open Friday and Saturday from 7:30 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 7:30 am to noon.

**Entertainment**
Friday Night – 5:30 pm
EMS Billing presents the annual Greg Chamberlain Memorial Golf Scramble at Buffalo Ridge

LifeNet presents the annual Sand Volleyball Tournament and Cook Out at the courts by Holiday Inn

Saturday
Social hour starts at 6 pm  
Awards Banquet begins at 6:30 pm

Dance with live band will immediately follow the banquet with Kearney’s own Sweetwater taking the stage until midnight.

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Speakers & Classes

Advanced 12 Lead ECG Interpretation Part # 1 & Part # 2 (ALS CLASS)
Is the machine interpretation always right? Can we better predict what’s going to happen next from all of those squiggly lines? This course will answer those questions and more as we look beyond just acute MI recognition and into electrical conduction abnormalities and pulmonary disorders on the ECG and more in depth into all those bumps and humps.

Kelly Grayson has been a Critical Care Paramedic and EMS Educator for twenty years. He teaches extensively in the "alphabet soup" disciplines such as ACLS, PALS, BLS, PHTLS, PEEP, GEMS, AMLS and so on, and has taught and administered all levels of EMT courses, from First Responder through Paramedic. A former president of the Louisiana EMS Instructor Society and board member of the LA Association of Nationally Registered EMTs, he currently works as a critical care paramedic for Acadian Ambulance in southwest Louisiana. His current book, A Paramedic’s Story: Life, Death and Everything In Between is available at booksellers nationwide.

When Normal Is Not Normal: Children With Special Healthcare Needs
Quick, what’s the lower limit systolic pressure for an eighteen-month-old toddler? What’s the normal resting respiratory rate for that patient? How old will she get before she develops stranger and separation anxiety? What are normal cognitive and verbal skills for a patient her age? If you knew the answer to all of those questions, wonderful. But can you answer them for an eighteen-month-old with hydrocephalus, cerebral palsy, a ventriculoperitoneal shunt and a tracheostomy? Join us in this presentation as we learn to examine and treat a pediatric patient whose normal is nothing close to normal; the child with special healthcare needs.

Owies, Oochies and Boo Boos: Pediatric Analgesia and Sedation (ALS CLASS)
Pain - It’s the 5th vital sign. As we have learned more about the debilitating physiological and long-term psychological effects of pain, most clinicians have begun to embrace a more aggressive approach to sedation and analgesia for their patients. Yet for our patients where those debilitating effects can be the most pronounced – children – we are often hesitant to treat conditions that would have us breaking the seal on our narcotics immediately in an adult. This presentation will seek to overcome the misconceptions and psychological barriers that prevent us from adequately treating pain in children, and examine common options for pediatric sedation and analgesia.

Wound Ballistics: An Idiot’s Guide to Firearms Trauma (GENERAL SESSION)
Guns are scary. Guns needlessly claim thousands of lives each year. Our streets are awash in assault weapons. Hunting weapons are harmless compared to military weapons. Saturday Night Specials are cheap, and commonly available. Velocity kills, and cavitation destroys human flesh. If you believe all these things from reading the wound care and public health literature, or even if you’re a neophyte who thinks “Kalashnikov” is what you say to a person who just sneezed, this presentation will challenge your assumptions about what we thought we knew about firearms trauma.
**Sepsis: Recognizing the Silent Killer (ALS CLASS)**

“Granny has a fever.” We’ve all run those calls, but are they as routine as we believe? In reality, sepsis is the #1 non-cardiac killer of ICU patients, with a mortality rate well over 50%. It is a clinical syndrome that affects over 750,000 Americans a year, and one that is undergoing increasing attention from pre-hospital providers. Early recognition and treatment is the key to survival. This presentation will examine the integral role of EMS in the management of sepsis, including Sepsis Alert Criteria and pre-hospital treatment guidelines.

**Yeah, But Can You Defend It?**

So you assessed your patient and provided excellent medical care - can your documentation back it up? Can it withstand a lawyer’s scrutiny, much less be understood by twelve people who don’t know how to avoid jury duty? Join us in this entertaining, interactive presentation as we assess and treat a simulated patient, document the call, and then answer the question, "Yeah, but can you defend it?"

**The Dirty Dozen: Beyond the Basics of Thoracic Trauma**

They call them the Dirty Dozen; the 12 most common types of thoracic trauma. In this informative and interactive presentation, we will discuss assessment and management of thoracic trauma – what works and what doesn’t, what is worrisome and what isn’t, and the hidden perils that may lurk behind seemingly insignificant injuries.

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Chris Le Baudour is well known in EMS education as a passionate and innovative speaker and instructor who specializes in experiential scenario based education for all levels of EMS. Chris uses a “humanities” approach to EMS education and believes strongly in developing the whole person and not just the skills required to be a good field practitioner. Chris brings real life experience, together with an off the wall sense of humor, to create a fun and low stress learning experience. Chris is a prolific writer and has several major EMS publications on the market. Chris is a faculty member in the Department of Public Safety – EMS Division at Santa Rosa Junior College in California, where he has been teaching since 1984. Chris currently serves as the General Manager for Falck Northern California. Prior to his teaching career Chris worked as both an EMT and an EMT Intermediate for several private ambulance providers in California. Chris’s experience includes fieldwork in everything from dense urban to suburban and rural environments. Chris also has approximately 10 years of clinical emergency room experience in a mid-size teaching hospital. Chris has been married for 29 years to his beautiful wife Audrey. Together they have two children, Kaitlyn (24) and Jordan (21).

**Building A Moral Compass**

In his interactive and introspective approach, Chris begins by defining the language of ethics and uses examples of pop culture that every EMS provider can identify with. Participants will also discover their own core values and how those values affect the way that they function on and off the job.

**Are All Vital Signs Really Vital?**

Learn everything you wanted to know about vital signs but were afraid to ask. Just because you can call yourself an EMT doesn’t mean you are an expert at taking vital signs. Chris presents one of his favorite topics in a dynamite and engaging presentation that explores sure-fire techniques and the most common pitfalls with taking vital signs. Everyone is sure to come away with at least one new technique that they can put to use on the very next call.

**Quick Case Series – Abdominal Pain**

Participants get to play "clinician" as Chris presents actual cases in a step-by-step format. Chris presents both classic and non-classic presentations of acute abdominal pain and walks us through both the presentation and the pathophysiology behind the signs and symptoms.
**Do You See What I See? Managing The Challenging Trauma Patient (GENERAL SESSION)**

In this engaging presentation, Chris uses live video footage from actual EMS calls to demonstrate the difference between merely "seeing" a patient, and truly "observing" the scene and all of the clues it has to offer. Chris will take the audience step by step through an actual trauma call asking for input on what they see.... and ultimately showing them that sometimes the most obvious signs elude us.

**Managing the Challenging Medical Patient**

This is part two of Chris' "Do You See What I See?" presentation. Chris uses live video footage from actual EMS calls to demonstrate the difference between merely "seeing" a patient, and truly "observing" the scene and all of the clues it has to offer. Chris will take the audience step by step through an actual medical call asking for input on what they see.... and ultimately showing them that sometimes the most obvious signs elude us.

**Quick Case Series: Chest Trauma**

Participants get to play "clinician" as Chris presents actual cases in a step-by-step format. Chris presents classic presentations of common chest injuries and walks us through both the presentation and the pathophysiology behind the signs and symptoms.

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Mike is an Assistant Professor and the Associate Director of Creighton's Emergency Medical Services Education Program. He has over 25 years of experience in EMS, currently serving as Assistant Professor and Paramedic Program Director at Creighton University, where he joined the EMS Program in 2002. He has practiced as a paramedic and registered nurse, working as a field paramedic, paramedic shift supervisor, quality improvement coordinator, EMS system program director, emergency department RN, and trauma program coordinator. Other professional activities include serving on the Board of Directors for the National Association of EMS Educators, Site Visitor for the Committee on Accreditation for EMS Programs, and Nebraska Region 1 Trauma Board member. Mike has served as a contributing author and as a reviewer for numbers EMS publications. Currently Mike is a doctoral student in an Interdisciplinary Ed.D. in Leadership program and holds a Bachelor of Science in EMS, and a Master of Science Degree in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution from Creighton University School of Law, Werner Institute.

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**12 Lead ECG for EMTs:**

**Expanded Role for EMTs in Nebraska’s Care of Acute Coronary Syndrome**

Out-of-hospital 12-lead ECGs and advance notification to the receiving facility, ideally a facility equipped with a full range of percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) lab services, speeds the diagnosis, shortens the time to fibrinolysis or catheterization, and is associated with decreased morbidity and mortality rates. Recent advancements in affordable, rugged and ultraportable electrocardiographic 12-Lead ECG machines have made it possible to acquire and transmit 12-lead ECGs to remote locations, allowing for diagnosis of an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI). As a result rapid mobilization of medical teams is possible with transport of patients to facilities best equipped to care for an STEMI. A team approach is necessary to efficiently obtain a 12-Lead ECG and treat the patient with other appropriate interventions. Our goal is to equip you with knowledge and skills based upon the best current medical evidence. BLS personnel are encouraged to assist in the early acquisition and transmission of 12-Lead ECGs and to facilitate transport to a facility capable of implementing timely strategies to accomplish coronary reperfusion.
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Closed Head Injuries: The Pressure is On!
Head injury management is rapidly changing on all fronts. This talk is designed to update the EMS provider on the latest controversies in the acute management of closed head injury. Ideas such as hyperventilation, use of capnography, BLS things that drive up the ICP, and more. This session is much, much more than the standard head injury lecture. New stuff is presented for all levels and you will leave with a clear understanding of ICP or one huge headache! (just kidding!)

Whole Lotta Shaking Going On - Understanding Seizures
Ask most people and their definition of a seizure involves the “Grand Mal” seizure with the person violently shaking all over. Is that all there is? Is this the only type of seizure? Does it make any difference in the pre-hospital setting what I saw? What is the correct classification of seizures? This course will show, via videotape, the various types of seizures, discuss their etiology and proper classification, and describe the various management issues for today’s EMS personnel. Exciting AV support and real life case studies makes this a don’t miss session!

What’s Up With This? (GENERAL SESSION)
Ever wonder why we do the things we do in EMS? Have you ever heard someone say, “That is the way I was taught,” or “That’s the way we have always done it?” These are the little things that we learned to do somewhere from someone, but we really can’t recall why. Things such as how you tape someone down on a backboard to oxygen delivery to “cocktails” and much, much more. In this hilarious and interactive session, Bob takes the audience on a tour of the “sacred cows” of EMS in an effort to prove them valuable or bury them forever.

Slap the Cap! Real Use for Capnography in EMS Part # 1 and Part # 2 (ALS CLASS)
This first nationally presented course on capnography that is an eye opening experience when participants learn the incredible benefits gained from full ETCO2 monitoring and waveform assessment. In this exciting and informative session, Bob reviews the related A&P of the respiratory system and explains, through the use of multi-media and audience involvement, the role of capnography in trauma; from cases of cardiac arrest to airway and ventilation: assessment and management, from closed head injury to tension pneumothorax to shock, From triage of any patient to the ongoing monitoring of the patient. In fact, anyone with a problem with ABC’s should have continuous monitoring of ETCO2 and waveform. Come and learn how to integrate this session into your practice and utilize it to its fullest potential! Capnography: It’s not just for confirming tube placement!

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Issues in Spinal Care
This session takes a closer look at our spinal immobilization practices and focuses on why we do it and what our goals really are. The presentation features many examples of frequently missed items when immobilizing the trauma patient. Many researchers and physicians are suggesting that we should not immobilize everyone with trauma. This talk also focuses on that issue and offers a critical look at alternative algorithms (including ITLS) or ways to “clinically clear” C-spines.
Friday, July 11, 2014
Annual SAND Volleyball Tournament & Cook Out

Teams: 6 or more members, minimum 2 girlies

Free will donations accepted to benefit the GREG CHAMBERLAIN MEMORIAL FUND

Meet at the Holiday Inn outdoor volleyball courts at 5:30 pm
No Place to Call Home: Homelessness in America
The homeless patient presents many challenges to the EMS provider. Most patients have complicated medical histories which can make a diagnosis and treatment difficult. This dynamic presentation will explore many of the common problems seen in the homeless including medical emergencies, trauma, mental illness, and substance abuse.

Provider Suicide: It’s Not Supposed to Happen to Us
Each year, hundreds of public service providers die by their own hand. This presentation will provide a comprehensive review of what we know about this tragic event. In this presentation fire and EMS providers (and supervisors), we will look at the demographics, signs and symptoms, assessment techniques, and preventative strategies that you can use when you are concerned about one of your colleagues.

Ethics and EMS: Making the Right Choice (GENERAL SESSION)
What do you believe in? Why are things important to you? How do you make the decision between right and wrong? Every day, we face ethical challenges in our lives—as citizens and as EMS professionals. This presentation will review key concepts of ethical decision making and use case studies to stimulate your thought process on how you would handle complex ethical and moral situations. The topic of social media will also be discussed.

De-escalation Techniques: Let’s Talk About It!
One of the best skills in the emergency responder’s bag of tricks is the ability to communicate with patients. So how do you go about talking down individuals in crisis who are panicked, scared, or out of control. This class will focus on how to conduct a quick scene-safety check, assess the client, and provide you a model on how to de-escalate patients who need your assistance.

Mental Health Aspects of the Aging Mind
There are many myths associated with growing old. Most people believe that dementia, depression, and anxiety are part of the aging process. This presentation will provide you with information about what really happens as we age. Myths, stereotypes, pathophysiology and assessment of geriatric mental health will be discussed. We will also explore other topics such as substance abuse, medications, and caregiver stress.

HIV and AIDS: Why Don’t We Talk About It Any More?
It seems like the EMS world has forgotten HIV and AIDS now that it’s considered a chronic disease instead of a fatal one. The truth is that over 50,000 people a year are infected with HIV in the United States. This presentation will serve as a primer for the EMS provider and discuss the incidence, symptomatology, and current treatment for those infected with this complicated virus.
**EMS Officer Workshop**

Presented by Nebraska Department of HHS EMS / Trauma Program Staff - This class is ideal for the EMS Captain, Rescue Chief or EMS Officer at your department or agency. If you are the one everyone counts on to know the rules and regs and "what the state wants", then this is the class for you! Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions but you don’t have to, attend one or all three! This session will help you identify areas for improvement for all of the EMS functions at your department. Discussion will include commonly overlooked items and review over the changes in rules and regulations.
The Greg Chamberlain Memorial Golf Scramble

Buffalo Ridge Golf Course
2 Person Best Ball - SHOTGUN start at 5:30 pm

See ANY Statewide EMS Conference Committee Member to sign up and pay your registration fee by noon on Friday, July 11th

$35 per person / $70 per team
(fee covers cart, green fees, t-shirt and end of tourney meal)

All beverages must be purchased at the golf course, no coolers
I would like to submit a nomination for the following award:

☐ **EMS Person of the Year** – This award is given to one person who would normally go unrecognized and who has worked hard to improve EMS in his or her region.

☐ **EMS Service of the Year** – This award is given to a volunteer or paid rescue service who has been active in community service, public relations, and continuing education this past year, consequently improving their quality of patient care and helping to educate the public concerning EMS.

☐ **Kenneth Kimball Award** – This award is given to a person who has played an important role in improving the quality of the EMS system throughout the state of Nebraska.

☐ **EMS Physician Medical Director Award** – The nominee for EMS Physician Medical Director should be an EMS Physician who has a special interest in EMS issues and development, actively involved with medical control activities with a licensed ambulance service; and enhances communication between medical direction and the field providers. The nominee should provide a positive effect on system wide education and quality improvement activities.

☐ **The Greg Chamberlain EMS Impact Award** - This award is dedicated to the memory of Greg Chamberlain, the past President of the Nebraska Statewide EMS Conference who died in April, 2009. This award recognizes a person whose actions exemplify inspiration and motivation. The recipient of this honor reflects the characteristics of one who carries on the knowledge and passion that the award's namesake did. This individual's actions & efforts have made a significant impact on the EMS education community of Nebraska.

When nominating, please remember to mention any activities this person or service participates in. Examples may include community service, self-improvement, quality and exceptional service to the area, town, county or state of Nebraska.

* Please attach or include a letter of nomination with this form.

**Letters can be mailed in or emailed up to July 1, 2014.**

**AFTER July 1, 2014, nominations will be accepted at our EMS Conference in Kearney by a Statewide Committee member up until noon on Saturday, July 12, 2014.**

Name of Individual or Service: ______________________________________________________

Address of Individual or Service: ____________________________________________________

Name & phone # of person making nomination: _______________________________________

Complete and mail nominations to: Karen Bowlin, Awards Chair  
Nebraska Statewide EMS Conference  
400 RD West 30  
Ogallala, NE 69153  

Email to: bowlink@mpcc.edu