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REGIONAL SERVICES DESIGNATION

**Strengthening and Sustaining
the EMS Infrastructure**

SDFMC EMS RSD TEAM



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AGENDA

Project Overview and Resources

Improvement Work Group Updates

Training Topics & Feedback

Improvement Projects

EMS Heroes & Highlights

EMS Extra Webinar Series

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Purpose: Enhancing EMS capacity and sustainability through regional collaboration



Project Activities

- Community Engagement
- EMS Community Assessment
- EMS Improvement Plan and Implementation
- EMS Awareness and Training

EMS RSD PROJECT RESOURCES

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EMS Regional Service Designation (RSD)

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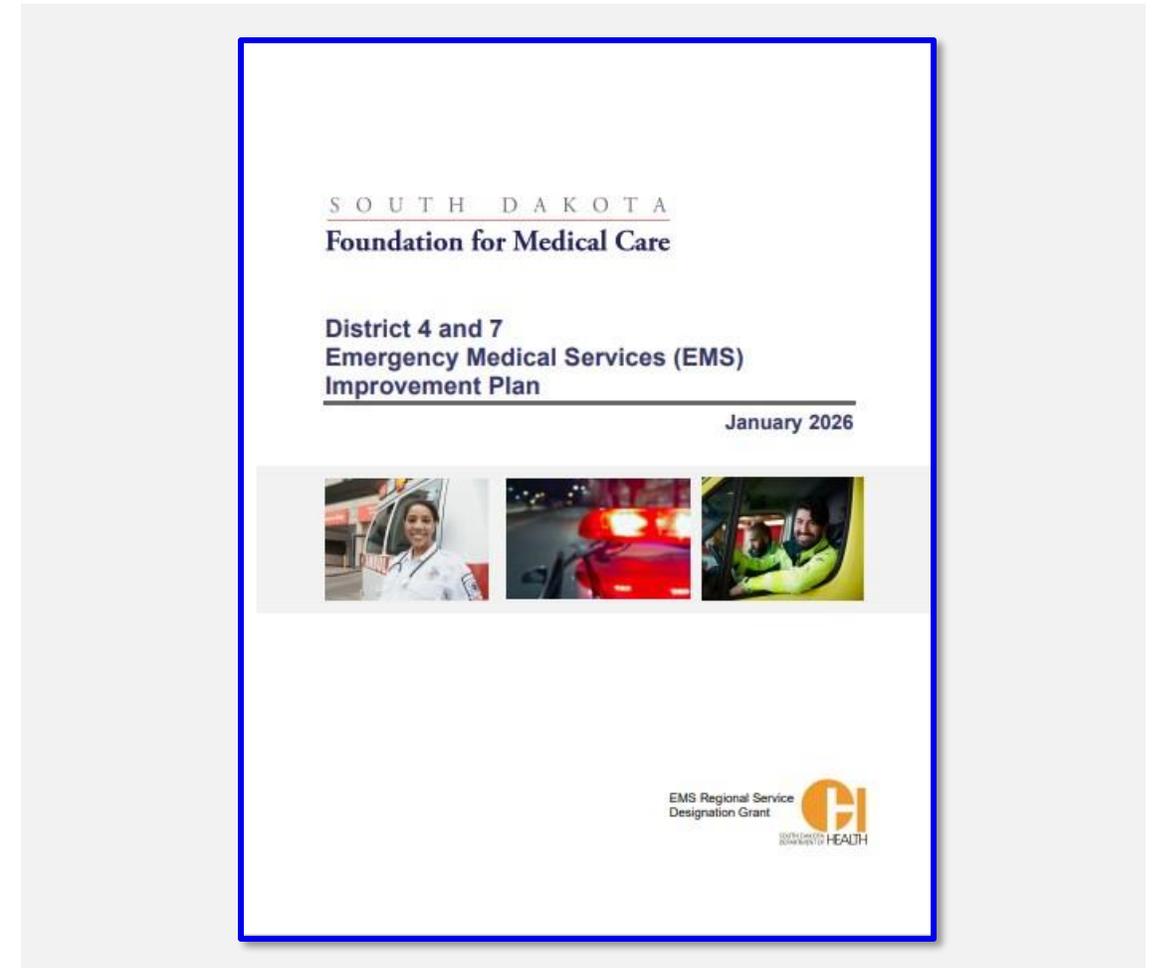
Work Groups (Password Protected):

- <https://sdfmc.org/improvement-planning-and-implementation>

EMS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- Overview
- Strategies
- SMART Activities

- EMS Extras
- Resources



IMPROVEMENT WORK GROUPS

Workgroup	Members	Attended
Collaboration	47	8
Funding	25	2*
Workforce	38	8

Average Attendance: 6%

*2 joined late

Upcoming Meetings:

- Held meetings in January
- Sending out Doodle Poll to meet in February

COMMUNITY TRAINING AND EMS IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES

- Use the QR code or link to open the form.
- Rank and comment on community training options and EMS improvement strategies
- Your responses will be used to prioritize training and improvement activities.



COMMUNITY TRAINING TOPICS

- CPR/AED Use
- First Aid
- Firearm/Hunter Safety
- Mental Health First Aid
- QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)
- Stop the Bleed
- Until Help Arrives
- Weather Exposure/Natural Disaster Preparedness

COLLABORATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Develop an EMS training and resource sharing program
- Launch or advance a community and/or EMS team training program
- Enhance responder activation and communications (dispatch policies, response apps, responder shifts)
- Launch or advance a hub or satellite site

FUNDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Establish an EMS scholarship or endowment fund
- Elevate data collection and use to optimize reimbursement and demonstrate EMS value
- Optimize reimbursement and billing processes

WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Implement an EMS training program for high school students (Medic Camp, EMS Cadet Program, EMR/EMT courses)
- Establish an EMS-friendly business designation program
- Develop a recruitment and/or retention plan

EMS HEROES AND HIGHLIGHTS CAMPAIGN

*“Every story helps
raise awareness and
strengthen support for
EMS”*



EMS HEROES AND HIGHLIGHT EXAMPLE



The day of my accident was June 1, 2025. My two teenage grandsons were helping with branding heifers at the ranch. **A heifer came back in the chute,** agitated. She pinned me between the gate bar and the corner post, **ripping the bar through my left side** back and forth as her head by that time was stuck between the bars. My grandsons were able to drag me safely out of the corrals and realized I had a hole in my left side.

I was numb. Blood was gushing, the amount was horrific. Puddles of it. **My grandson acted quickly.** He tore his shirt off and shoved it deep into the cavity, holding pressure to minimize the amount of bleeding where my artery had been nicked. 911 was called and **EMS was onsite within 15 minutes.**

I am blessed to live in a community where individuals volunteer their time to save lives. Without the quick responses from these individuals, I know I would have bled out and died right there on the ranch. **Time is what saved my life.** The more volunteers and stations we have, the more people that can be saved.

Humbled. I received such **compassionate care from people who are within my local small community** – business owners, farmers, ranchers, teachers, grocery store clerks. All of them stopped what they were doing that day to go on this call. **All volunteers.**

HIGHLIGHTING EMS IMPACT-SAMPLE POST



NOVEMBER EMS EXTRAS

Sharing EMS Resources to Reduce Burden

- Haden Merkel
Mobridge Regional Hospital

Equitable Sustainable Funding and Community Fundraising

- Sharon Chontos
Sage Project Consulting
- Justin Faber
Faber Analytics

Community EMS Cadet Program

- Chris Goldsmith
- Brad Derschan
Lemmon EMT Association
- Gavin Sannes
Day County/Brookings Ambulance

Total Registration:	87
Total Attendance:	47
Recording Views	39

DECEMBER EMS EXTRAS

Wolsey Engages Community to Build EMS

- Caroline McGillvrey-Wolsey EMS
- David Jensen-Beadle EMS

Tax District Development Supports Mitchell Ambulance

- Dan Pollreisz-Former Mitchell Fire Chief
- Amy Storm-Mitchell Ambulance & Ethan Fire Department

Build Dakota Partnerships Promote EMS Workforce Pipeline

- Deni Martin- Build Dakota Scholarships
- Melissa Waldner-Lake Area Technical College

Total Registration:	60
Total Attendance:	39
Recording Views	22

JANUARY EMS EXTRAS

Hub Stations Support EMS in Spink County

- Eric Schueth-Redfield Community Memorial Hospital
- Austin Fischbach-Aberdeen Fire & Rescue

Community Development through Endowments & Grants

- Ginger Neimann-SD Community Foundation
- Jeff Veltkamp-SD Community Foundation

Camp Med & Continuing Education Promote EMS Careers

- Sheila Monnier-Northeast SD AHEC
- Mikayla Titus-Northeast SD AHEC

Total Registration:	57
Total Attendance:	40
Recording Views	13

MARCH/APRIL EMS EXTRAS WEBINARS

- **EMS Hero Inspires Daycare CPR Training**
March 3 @ 12:00 PM Central
Ashley Hobbs – Mitchell Resident
Brandon Manchester – Emergency Education Associates
- **Ryde Central Supports Interfacility Transfers**
March 11 @ 12:00 PM Central
Mary Adams – SDAHO
Todd Sheridan – Ryde Central
- **Community Programs for Children's Safety and Injury Prevention**
April 1 @ 12 PM Central
Corolla Lauck – SD EMS for Children

MEETING WRAP UP

EMS District 4 & 7 Coalition Meetings

- Quarterly in 2026: February, May, August, November

EMS Improvement Work Groups

- Next meeting in February

Project Concludes November 2026

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