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Strengthening and Sustaining EMS Infrastructure

The Strengthening and Sustaining EMS Infrastructure project is funded by the South Dakota Department of Health Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regional Service Designation award to the South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care (SDFMC). Activities started in December 2024 and included stakeholder engagement, community assessment, strategic planning, improvement projects, and best practice sharing. This EMS Resource Guide is intended to encourage and promote community engagement, education, training, certification, licensure, and collaboration.

Operating an EMS agency in rural South Dakota presents distinct challenges, including expansive geographic response areas, extended transport times, limited localized medical infrastructure, and a heavy reliance on volunteer staffing. To thrive in this environment, rural agencies must look beyond traditional response models and embrace a wide network of community care, early crisis intervention, and specialized training.

This resource guide includes actionable programs, evidence-based curricula, and state-specific assets to support EMS leaders, healthcare professionals, and community champions in strengthening and sustaining rural EMS infrastructure.

Local and regional experts from across the state share EMS resources and expertise as part of the EMS Extras webinar series. EMS champions from the designated project area, which included the 17 counties of EMS Districts 4 & 7, were among those featured. The full list is available at https://sdfmc.org/project/ems-regional-designation-services/ems-extras/.

EMS District 4 & 7 Best Practices

Sharing EMS Resources to Reduce Burden

https://youtu.be/bZ4MGpgv_GI

Objectives:

- Describe the role of Mobridge Hospital as an EMS collaborator
- Explain how collaboration contributed to EMS RSD awards in multiple area communities
- Highlight best practices and lessons learned for continuing to advance improvement

Community EMS Cadet Program

https://youtu.be/_qlk8jtj15I

- Describe the Lemmon Cadet Program
- Explain the process for promoting and implementing the program
- Highlight efforts to duplicate the program in Webster

Creating EMS Opportunities in Beadle County

https://youtu.be/vge--ev0hN0

- Describe the Beadle County EMS service area
- Explain the purpose and goals of the nonprofit group

- Highlight the value of collaboration and key activities for advancing EMS in Beadle County

Hub Stations Support EMS in Spink County

https://youtu.be/pV53qVcnQ_M

- Describe the Spink County Ambulance service area
- Explain the purpose and benefits of the rescue squads in Mellette/Northville
- Highlight lessons learned and plans for extending the hub station model in Spink County

NorthCARES Launches Engineering EMS Summer Camp

https://youtu.be/eVyuVEiuX6g

- Describe the curriculum development process
- Explain how the curriculum is being integrated through local school and EMS organization partnerships
- Highlight the initial impact of the Engineering EMS summer camps in McLaughlin and Selby

Newell Volunteer Crew Prioritizes EMT Courses for Recruitment

https://youtu.be/LQoQT1PtWec

- Describe the Newell service area and current ambulance crew structure
- Explain the EMT training model and recruitment process
- Highlight the best practices and lessons learned for creating a sustainable volunteer ambulance service

About This Guide

The EMS Resource Guide is intended to support ongoing improvement efforts by connecting EMS stakeholders and partners. SDFMC provides this guide as a neutral resource. Inclusion of an organization, program, service, or resource does not constitute or imply endorsement by SDFMC.

Resources may be offered **virtually or in person**. Please contact the organization directly for specific availability and details.

Certifications

Advanced Cardiac Life Support/ALS

Trains clinicians to assess and treat adults experiencing cardiac arrest, stroke, and other life-threatening emergencies.

American Heart Association: South Dakota

https://cpr.heart.org/en/cpr-courses-and-kits/healthcare-professional/acls • Virtual

1-877-242-4277 • In Person

American Red Cross

https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/als-and-pals/als-certification • Virtual

1-605-336-2448 • In Person

Sanford Health

https://www.sanfordemseducation.org/sanford-training-center-aha-ena • Virtual

1-605-333-1000 • In Person

Advanced Medical Life Support

Provides Advanced Medical Life Support training in systematic assessment and management of medical emergencies.

National Association of EMT (NAEMT)

https://naemt.org/education/medical-education/amls/amls-courses • Virtual

1-601-924-7744 • In Person

Basic Life Support

Provides essential training for healthcare clinicians and public safety professionals who respond to cardiac and breathing emergencies.

American Heart Association: South Dakota

https://cpr.heart.org/en/cpr-courses-and-kits/healthcare-professional/basic-life-support-bls-training • In Person

1-877-242-4277

Brookings Health System: Brookings Hospital

https://www.brookingshealth.org/CPR • In Person

1-605-696-9000

Lake Area Technical College

https://www.lakeareatech.edu/course/basic-life-support-bls-for-healthcare-workers/ • In Person

1-605-882-5284

Sanford Health

https://www.sanfordemseducation.org/sanford-training-center-aha-ena • In Person

1-605-333-1000

Community Health Worker

Prepares individuals to serve as a frontline public health worker serving as a trusted liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery.

Community Health Worker Collaborative of South Dakota (CHWSD)

https://chwsd.org/chw-training/ • Virtual

1-605-937-9730 • In Person

CPR Instructor

Prepares individuals to become an American Heart Association instructor for CPR and emergency cardiovascular care courses.

American Heart Association: South Dakota

https://cpr.heart.org/en/resources/aha-instructors/become-an-instructor • In Person

1-877-242-4277

American Red Cross

https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/instructor-training • In Person

1-605-336-2448

Emergency Medical Responder

Prepares individuals to provide immediate lifesaving care to critical patients who access the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system while awaiting additional EMS resources to arrive.

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

https://www.nremt.org/EMR/Certification • In Person

1-855-430-6211

App: NREMT App

Sanford Health

https://www.sanfordemseducation.org/initial-training-ems-courses • In Person

1-605-333-1000

EMS Instructor

Provides professional development, standards, and resources for EMS educators and instructors.

National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE)

https://naemse.org/events/event_list.asp • In Person

1-412-343-4775

EMS Vehicle Operator Safety

Provides emergency-vehicle operator training focused on safe ambulance driving and crash prevention.

Don't Panic SD

https://www.dontpanicsd.com/evoc • In Person

1-605-646-3373

National Association of EMT (NAEMT)

https://naemt.org/education/operational-education/ems-vehicle-operator-safety/evos-courses • In Person

1-601-924-7744

EMT/Firefighter

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Cadet Academy pathway into firefighter and EMT careers.

City of Sioux Falls

https://www.siouxfalls.gov/government/careers/sffr-recruiting/sffr-cadet-academy

1-605-367-8827

- In Person

Lake Area Technical College

https://www.lakeareatech.edu/programs/explore-programs/med-fire-rescue/

1-605-882-5284

- Virtual
- In Person

Lifeguard

Provides lifeguarding, water-rescue, CPR, AED, and first-aid certification training.

American Red Cross

https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/lifeguarding

1-605-336-2448

- Virtual
- In Person

Neonatal Resuscitation Program/NRP

Provides neonatal resuscitation education for healthcare professionals who care for newborns at birth.

American Heart Association: South Dakota

https://international.heart.org/en/resuscitation/neonatal-resuscitation-program-nrp

1-877-242-4277

App: AHA CPR & ECC

- Virtual
- In Person

Sanford Health

https://www.sanfordemseducation.org/sanford-training-center-aha-ena

1-605-333-1000

- Virtual
- In Person

Pediatric Advanced Life Support

Learn to assess, recognize and provide high-quality care to pediatric patients experiencing life-threatening medical emergencies, including shock, cardiac and respiratory events.

American Heart Association: South Dakota

https://cpr.heart.org/en/courses/pals-course-options • Virtual

1-877-242-4277 • In Person

American Red Cross

https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/als-and-pals/pals-certification • Virtual

1-605-336-2448 • In Person

Sanford Health

https://www.sanfordemseducation.org/sanford-training-center-aha-ena • Virtual

1-605-333-1000 • In Person

Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support

Provides Prehospital Trauma Life Support training in rapid assessment and evidence-based trauma care.

National Association of EMT (NAEMT)

https://www.naemt.org/education/trauma-education/phtls/phtls-courses • Virtual

1-601-924-7744 • In Person

Stop the Bleed Instructor

Become an instructor to teach individuals how to control bleeding injuries from serious accidents or disasters.

Stop the Bleed (American College of Surgeons)

https://www.stopthebleed.org/get-trained/ • Virtual

1-312-202-5790 • In Person

Wilderness

Upgrades existing EMT skills for prolonged patient care and evacuation in remote environments.

Don't Panic SD | EMT Upgrade

https://www.dontpanicsd.com/upgrade
1-605-646-3373

- Virtual
- In Person

Don't Panic SD | Wilderness First Responder

https://www.dontpanicsd.com/wfr
1-605-646-3373

- Virtual
- In Person

Education & Training

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Equips individuals with the knowledge and practical skills to safely and effectively use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) during cardiac emergencies.

American Heart Association: South Dakota

https://cpr.heart.org/en/training-programs/aed-implementation • In Person

1-877-242-4277

App: AHA Heart & Stroke Helper

American Red Cross

https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/aed/aed-training • In Person

1-605-336-2448

Brookings Health System

https://www.brookingshealth.org/CPR • In Person

1-605-696-9000

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Teaches lifesaving skills to respond effectively when someone's heart or breathing stops, combining hands-on practice with knowledge of emergency procedures.

Don't Panic SD

https://www.dontpanicsd.com/cpr • In Person

1-605-646-3373

American Heart Association: South Dakota

https://cpr.heart.org/en/courses/family-and-friends-cpr • In Person

1-877-242-4277

American Heart Association: South Dakota

https://cpr.heart.org/en/cpr-courses-and-kits/heartsaver

1-877-242-4277

- Virtual
- In Person

American Red Cross | CPR Training

https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr/cpr-training/cpr-classes

1-605-336-2448

- Virtual
- In Person

American Red Cross | CPR for Healthcare Providers

https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr/cpr-training/cpr-for-healthcare-providers

1-605-336-2448

- Virtual
- In Person

Don't Panic SD

https://www.dontpanicsd.com/cpr

1-605-646-3373

- In Person

Lake Area Technical College

https://my.lakeareatech.edu/ICS/Academics/CPR/

1-605-882-5284

- In Person

Sanford Health

https://www.sanfordemseducation.org/sanford-training-center-aha-ena

1-605-333-1000

- In Person

Continuing Education Offerings

A centralized collection of webinars, educational resources, and industry updates that support EMS professionals and ambulance services in leadership development, operational excellence, workforce growth, and regulatory compliance.

American Ambulance Association

https://ambulance.org/education/webinars/

1-202-802-9020

- Virtual

American Trauma Society

https://www.amtrauma.org/Web/Web/Events/Course-Catalog.aspx
1-800-556-7890

- Virtual
- In Person

Commission on Accreditation for Prehospital Continuing Education

https://capce.org/Home/FindCourse
1-972-247-4442

- Virtual
- In Person

International Association of Fire Chiefs

https://www.iafc.org/learn-and-develop/online-learning
1-703-273-0911

International Association of Fire Fighters

https://www.iaff.org/fire-ground-survival/
1-202-737-8484

- In Person

International Association of Fire Fighters

https://www.iaff.org/hazmat-training/
1-202-737-8484

- Virtual
- In Person

National Association of EMT (NAEMT)

https://naemt.org/education/medical-education/epc
1-601-924-7744

- Virtual
- In Person

National Association of EMT (NAEMT)

https://www.naemt.org/events/ems-webinars
1-601-924-7744

- Virtual

National Emergency Medical Services for Children

https://emscimprovement.center/education-and-resources/peak/peak-status-epilepticus/prehospital-pediatric-seizure-module/

- Virtual

Sanford Health: EMS Education

https://www.sanfordemseducation.org/
1-605-333-1000

- Virtual
- In Person

Sanford Health: Simulation

https://www.sanfordemseducation.org/sanford-health-simulation
1-605-333-1000
App: 30S

- In Person

SDDOH: Office of Rural Health and EMERGENCY SERVICES (ORHES)

https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/ems-trauma-program/webinars-pulse-sd/
1-605-367-5372 | Marty.Link@state.sd.us

- Virtual
- In Person

First Aid

Teaches individuals to provide immediate, lifesaving assistance during medical emergencies. Topics include CPR, choking response, bleeding control, burn care, AED use, and recognition of conditions like stroke, heart attack, and shock. This training prepares individuals to respond confidently and appropriately until professional help arrives.

American Heart Association: South Dakota

https://cpr.heart.org/en/cpr-courses-and-kits/heartsaver/heartsaver-first-aid-training
1-877-242-4277
App: AHA First Aid

- Virtual
- In Person

American Red Cross

https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/first-aid
1-605-336-2448

- In Person

Don't Panic SD: Wilderness

https://www.dontpanicsd.com/wildernessfirstaid
1-605-646-3373

- In Person

First Responder

Teaches bystanders immediate lifesaving actions they can take before professional responders arrive.

American Red Cross

https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/first-aid/first-aid-training/first-aid-classes/until-help-arrives

- Virtual

1-605-336-2448

Don't Panic SD

https://www.dontpanicsd.com/tim

- In Person

1-605-646-3373

Stop the Bleed (American College of Surgeons)

https://www.stopthebleed.org/get-trained/

- Virtual

1-312-202-5790

- In Person

Mental Health First Aid

Provides Mental Health First Aid training to recognize and respond to signs of mental health or substance-use challenges.

National Council for Mental Wellbeing

https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/

- Virtual

1-202-684-7457

- In Person

Helpline Center

https://www.helplinecenter.org/9-8-8/trainings/

- Virtual

1-605-339-4357

- In Person

National Council for Mental Wellbeing: Fire and EMS

https://mentalhealthfirstaid.org/individuals/fire-ems/

- Virtual

1-202-684-7457

- In Person

National Council for Mental Wellbeing: Youth

https://mentalhealthfirstaid.org/individuals/help-youth/

1-202-684-7457

- Virtual
- In Person

Northeast Prevention Resource Center

https://www.humanserviceagency.org/NEPrevention/neprctrainings

1-605-884-3516

- Virtual
- In Person

South Dakota Safe2Say: Youth

https://safe2say.sd.gov/ymhfa.aspx

1-605-773-3450

- Virtual
- In Person

South Dakota Safety Council

https://www.southdakotasafetycouncil.org/Online/Online/Classes/Training/Mental-Health.aspx

1-800-952-5539

- Virtual
- In Person

South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension

https://extension.sdstate.edu/mental-health-first-aid

1-605-688-4792

- Virtual
- In Person

South Dakota Suicide Prevention

https://www.sdsuicideprevention.org/action/training

1-605-367-5236

- Virtual
- In Person

Mental Health: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

Equips anyone over 16 years of age with the skills, confidence, and tools to recognize and respond to someone at risk of suicide, regardless of professional background.

LivingWorks

https://livingworks.net/training/livingworks-asist/

1-888-733-5484 | info@livingworks.net

Helpline Center

https://www.helplinecenter.org/9-8-8/trainings/ • Virtual

1-605-339-4357 • In Person

Northeast Prevention Resource Center

https://www.humanserviceagency.org/NEPrevention/neprctrainings • In Person

1-605-884-3516

South Dakota Suicide Prevention

https://www.sdsuicideprevention.org/action/training • Virtual

1-605-367-5236 • In Person

Mental Health: Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM)

Provides Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) training for professionals who counsel people at risk of suicide about reducing access to lethal means.

Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM)

https://www.calmamerica.org/training-programs • Virtual

support@calmamerica.org

South Dakota Suicide Prevention

https://www.sdsuicideprevention.org/action/training • Virtual

1-605-367-5236

Mental Health: Natural Helpers

Receive support to bring Natural Helpers of South Dakota Training to your school or to be trained to provide Natural Helpers of South Dakota.

Northeast Prevention Resource Center

https://www.humanserviceagency.org/NEPrevention/neprcpeerprogram • In Person

1-605-884-3516

South Dakota Suicide Prevention

https://www.sdsuicideprevention.org/natural-helpers • In Person

1-605-367-5236

Mental Health: Question Persuade Refer (QPR)

Reduces suicidal behaviors and saves lives by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training.

QPR Institute

https://qprinstitute.com/ • Virtual

1-888-726-7926 • In Person

Helpline Center

https://www.helplinecenter.org/9-8-8/trainings/ • Virtual

1-605-339-4357 • In Person

Northeast Prevention Resource Center

https://www.humanserviceagency.org/NEPrevention/neprctrainings • In Person

1-605-884-3516

South Dakota Suicide Prevention

https://www.sdsuicideprevention.org/action/training • Virtual

1-605-367-5236 • In Person

Licensure

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician

Provides AEMT education or certification information for intermediate prehospital care.

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

https://www.nremt.org/AEMT/Certification

1-855-430-6211

- Virtual

Emergency Medical Technician

Provides EMT education or certification information for entry-level prehospital emergency care.

City of Sioux Falls

https://www.siouxfalls.gov/government/careers/sffr-recruiting/sffr-cadet-academy

1-605-367-8827

- In Person

Don't Panic SD

https://www.dontpanicsd.com/wemt

1-605-646-3373

- In Person

Lake Area Technical College

https://www.lakeareatech.edu/programs/additional-opportunities/non-degree-courses/emergency-medical-technician-emt/

1-605-882-5284

- Virtual
- In Person

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

https://www.nremt.org/EMT/Certification

1-855-430-6211

- Virtual

Sanford Health

https://www.sanfordemseducation.org/initial-training-ems-courses

1-605-333-1000

- Virtual
- In Person

Southeast Technical College

https://www.southeasttech.edu/programs/healthcare/emergency-medical-technician/index.php

1-605-367-7624

- Virtual
- In Person

Western Dakota Technical College

https://www.wdt.edu/specialty-courses/emergency-medical-technician-emt/

1-605-394-4034

- In Person

Paramedic

Provides paramedic education or certification information for advanced prehospital emergency care.

Lake Area Technical College

https://www.lakeareatech.edu/programs/explore-programs/med-fire-rescue/

1-605-882-5284

- Virtual
- In Person

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

https://www.nremt.org/Paramedic/Certification

1-855-430-6211

- Virtual

Sanford Health

https://www.sanfordemseducation.org/initial-training-ems-courses

1-605-333-1000

- In Person

Southeast Technical College

https://www.southeasttech.edu/programs/healthcare/paramedic-science/index.php

1-605-367-7624

- Virtual
- In Person

Western Dakota Technical College

https://www.wdt.edu/degree-programs/paramedic/

1-605-394-4034

- In Person

Programs & Resources

Administrative Resources

Provides rural EMS models, funding opportunities, workforce guidance, data, and implementation resources.

Rural Health Information Hub

https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/emergency-medical-services

1-800-270-1898

Adult Behavioral Health Resources

Provides behavioral-health education, peer-support resources, and treatment guidance for firefighters and EMS personnel.

International Association of Fire Fighters

https://www.iaff.org/behavioral-health/

1-202-737-8484

Advocacy Resources

Provides legislative updates and advocacy tools concerning firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

International Association of Fire Fighters

https://www.iaff.org/advocacy-center/

1-202-737-8484

National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP)

https://naemsp.org/advocacy/

1-800-228-3677 | info-naemsp@naemsp.org

National Association of EMT (NAEMT)

https://www.naemt.org/advocacy

1-601-924-7744

Ambulance Station and Education Center

Provides information about Brookings Health System's ambulance station and local emergency medical transport services.

Brookings Health System: Brookings Hospital

https://www.brookingshealth.org/AmbulanceStation

1-605-696-9000

Burn Care

Provides education on burn recognition, treatment, recovery, and support for burn patients.

International Association of Fire Fighters

https://understandingburncare.org/

1-202-737-8484

Camp Med

Provides hands-on healthcare career exploration for middle- and high-school students through Camp Med.

South Dakota Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

https://www.sdahec.org/students-k-12/#camp-med

1-605-357-1561

South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH)

https://doh.sd.gov/programs/scrubs-camp/camp-med/

1-605-773-3361

Cardiac Ready Communities

Helps South Dakota communities improve cardiac-arrest readiness through planning, training, AED access, and response coordination.

SDDOH: Office of Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion (OCDPHP)

https://doh.sd.gov/topics/diseases/chronic-disease/heart-disease-stroke/heart-health-initiatives/cardiac-ready-communities/

1-605-773-3737 | DOH.info@state.sd.us

Career Exploration

Provides hands-on healthcare career exploration for middle- and high-school students through Camp Med.

Northeast South Dakota Area Health Education Center (NESDAHEC)

https://nesdahec.org/scrubs-camp-camp-med/

1-605-229-8305

Child Abuse

Provides training that helps EMS clinicians recognize, document, and respond to suspected child abuse.

National Emergency Medical Services for Children

https://emscimprovement.center/education-and-resources/peak/child-abuse/

Community Tool Kits

Provides a planning toolkit to help fire and emergency-service leaders prepare for special events.

International Association of Fire Chiefs

https://www.iafc.org/blogs/blog/iafc/2026/06/04/special-events-planning-toolkit

1-703-273-0911

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for equipment, training, vehicles, wellness, and facility improvements.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants

1-800-621-3362 | AskIA@fema.dhs.gov

FEMA SAFER Grant

FEMA's SAFER grants, which help fire departments recruit, hire, and retain trained frontline firefighters.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer

1-800-621-3362 | AskIA@fema.dhs.gov

Financial Resources

Provides ambulance-service financial, reimbursement, advocacy, and operational support resources.

American Ambulance Association

https://ambulance.org/

1-202-802-9020

Firefighter Wellness

Provides firefighter health, fitness, wellness, and injury-prevention resources.

International Association of Fire Fighters

https://www.iaff.org/wellness-fitness/

1-202-737-8484

First Responders Wellness

Provides information and resources for the First Responders Wellness program through SDSU: Extension.

South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension

https://www.sdstate.edu/school-health-human-sciences/first-responder-support-training-center

1-605-688-4792

Grants

Provides grant information and application resources for fire departments and emergency-service organizations.

International Association of Fire Fighters

https://www.iaff.org/grants/

1-202-737-8484

Healthy South Dakota

Provides practical tools and statewide resources that support healthy eating, physical activity, and overall wellbeing.

SDDOH: Office of Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion (OCDPHP)

https://doh.sd.gov/topics/diseases/chronic-disease/

1-605-773-3737 | DOH.info@state.sd.us

Heart Disease Prevention/Wellness

Provides heart-disease and stroke prevention information, data, and community health resources.

SDDOH: Office of Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion (OCDPHP)

https://doh.sd.gov/topics/diseases/chronic-disease/heart-disease-stroke/

1-605-773-3737 | DOH.info@state.sd.us

HOSA Chapters

Supports student healthcare career development through HOSA chapters, leadership, service, and competitions.

South Dakota Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

https://www.sdahec.org/students-k-12/hosa/

1-605-357-1561

ImageTrend

Provides information on South Dakota's ImageTrend electronic patient-care reporting system for EMS agencies.

SDDOH: Office of Rural Health and EMERGENCY SERVICES (ORHES)

https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/ems-trauma-program/sd-imagetrend-epcr/

1-605-367-5372 | Marty.Link@state.sd.us

App: ImageTrend Elite Mobile

Infectious Disease/Emerging Diseases

Provides guidance and training for EMS and fire personnel responding to infectious and emerging diseases.

International Association of Fire Fighters

https://www.iaff.org/infectious-disease/

1-202-737-8484

NHTSA: Office of EMS

https://www.ems.gov/issues/managing-emerging-diseases/

nhtsa.ems@dot.gov

K-12 Substance Use Prevention Curriculum

Provides K-12 substance-use prevention education, including opioid-overdose prevention, response resources, and information about naloxone.

Emily's Hope

https://emilyshopeedu.org/

1-605-496-9876

Licensure EMS Resources

South Dakota's electronic ambulance-service licensing process, renewals, fleet updates, and inspection requirements.

SDDOH: Office of Rural Health and EMERGENCY SERVICES (ORHES)

https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/ems-trauma-program/ems-licensing/

1-605-367-5372 | Marty.Link@state.sd.us

LIFEPAK Initiative

Provides information about South Dakota's LIFEPAK cardiac-monitor and defibrillator initiative for EMS agencies.

SDDOH: Office of Rural Health and EMERGENCY SERVICES (ORHES)

https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/ems-trauma/lifepak/

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Means Safety

Provides guidance on reducing suicide risk through safer storage and reduced access to firearms, medications, and other lethal means.

South Dakota Suicide Prevention

https://www.sdsuicideprevention.org/hubfs/SDSP/BHSP02%20-%20Means%20Safety%20Brochure.pdf?hsLang=en

1-605-367-5236

Mental Health Training SD

Provides mental-health education and resources for recognizing concerns and connecting people with support.

South Dakota Suicide Prevention

https://www.sdsuicideprevention.org/action/training/request

1-605-367-5236

Naloxone Program

Provides opioid-overdose prevention education, response resources, and information about naloxone.

Emily's Hope

https://emilyshope.charity/narcan/

1-605-496-9876

Naloxone Project

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https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/ems-trauma-program/sd-naloxone-project/

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Peer 2 Peer Mentorship

Provides information and resources for the Peer 2 Peer Mentorship program through Lost & Found.

Lost & Found

https://resilienttoday.org/programs/student-programs/peer2peer-mentorship

1-605-594-5281

Post Crash Care

Provides EMS highway-safety and post-crash care guidance to improve responder and patient outcomes.

NHTSA: Office of EMS

https://www.ems.gov/issues/ems-highway-safety-and-post-crash-care/

nhtsa.ems@dot.gov

Pre Hospital Blood Transfusion

Provides guidance and resources for developing safe prehospital blood-transfusion programs.

NHTSA: Office of EMS

https://www.ems.gov/issues/prehospital-blood-transfusion/

nhtsa.ems@dot.gov

Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project

Provides an assessment and toolkit to help EMS and fire-rescue agencies improve pediatric emergency readiness.

National Emergency Medical Services for Children

https://emscimprovement.center/domains/prehospital-care/prehospital-pediatric-readiness/

Protocol Resources

Provides EMS quality-improvement and patient-safety education for medical directors and system leaders.

National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP)

https://naemsp.org/quality-improvement-safety-course/

1-800-228-3677 | info-naemsp@naemsp.org

NHTSA: Office of EMS

https://www.ems.gov/issues/evidence-based-guidelines-and-performance-management/

nhtsa.ems@dot.gov

South Dakota Ambulance Association

https://sdambulance.org/ResouceLibrary

1-605-642-8810

Sanford EMS Education

Offers EMS initial and continuing education, including EMR, EMT, paramedic, simulation, and outreach training designed to support professional development, certification, and recertification for EMS providers.

Sanford Health

https://www.sanfordemseducation.org/

1-605-333-1000

Scrubs Camp/Camp Med

Provides hands-on healthcare career exploration for students through Scrubs Camp activities.

South Dakota Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

https://www.sdahec.org/students-k-12/#camp-med

1-605-357-1561

South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH)

https://doh.sd.gov/programs/scrubs-camp/

1-605-773-3361

South Dakota Cardiovascular Collaborative

Coordinates partners working to prevent and improve outcomes from heart disease and stroke in South Dakota.

SDDOH: Office of Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion (OCDPHP)

https://doh.sd.gov/topics/diseases/chronic-disease/heart-disease-stroke/heart-health-initiatives/cardiovascular-collaborative/

1-605-773-3737 | DOH.info@state.sd.us

Self Harm

Provides pediatric emergency-care resources addressing suicidality, self-harm, and behavioral-health crises.

National Emergency Medical Services for Children

https://emscimprovement.center/domains/mental-health/

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Cadet Program

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Cadet Academy and pathway into firefighter and emergency-response careers.

City of Sioux Falls

https://www.siouxfalls.gov/government/careers/sffr-recruiting/sffr-cadet-academy

1-605-367-8827

South Dakota 4-H

South Dakota 4-H youth-development programs in leadership, agriculture, health, science, and community engagement.

South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension

https://extension.sdstate.edu/south-dakota-4-h

1-605-688-4792

Stroke Prevention/Wellness

Provides stroke warning-signs, prevention, treatment, and recovery information.

SDDOH: Office of Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion (OCDPHP)

https://doh.sd.gov/topics/diseases/chronic-disease/heart-disease-stroke/stroke/

1-605-773-3737 | DOH.info@state.sd.us

Telemedicine in Motion

South Dakota's EMS telemedicine program connecting ambulance clinicians with remote physicians or nurses.

SDDOH: Office of Rural Health and EMERGENCY SERVICES (ORHES)

https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/ems-trauma-program/ems-telemedicine/

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Trauma Systems

South Dakota's coordinated trauma system spanning prevention, prehospital care, hospitals, and rehabilitation.

SDDOH: Office of Rural Health and EMERGENCY SERVICES (ORHES)

https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/ems-trauma-program/trauma-system/

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Tribal Opioid Response Program

Provides opioid-overdose prevention education, response resources, and information about naloxone.

Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board (GPTLHB)

https://www.greatplainstribalhealth.org/health-programs/behavioral-and-community-health-programs/opioid-response-program/

1-605-721-1922

Wellmark Healthy Hometown

Supports community initiatives and investments that create healthier places to live, work, and play.

The Wellmark Foundation

https://www.wellmark.com/about/improving-health

1-515-376-4500

Organizations

911 e-learning Solutions

Provides online continuing education and compliance training for EMS, fire, and emergency-communications professionals.

https://www.911elearning.com/

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Provides free, confidential emotional support to people experiencing suicidal crisis or emotional distress by phone, text, and chat, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

https://988lifeline.org/

1-605-357-1505

American Ambulance Association

Advocates for ambulance services and supports the industry through education, operational resources, reimbursement guidance, and workforce initiatives.

https://ambulance.org/

1-202-802-9020

American Red Cross

Helps communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies through first-aid, CPR/AED, lifeguarding, and advanced life-support training.

https://www.redcross.org/local/mn-nd-sd.html

1-605-336-2448

App: Red Cross

American Trauma Society

Works to save lives, improve trauma care, and empower survivors through trauma-system development, injury prevention, professional education, advocacy, and survivor support.

https://www.amtrauma.org/

1-800-556-7890

Commission on Accreditation for Prehospital Continuing Education (CAPCE)

Promotes high-quality EMS continuing education by accrediting educational activities and providers and maintaining resources for certification and recertification.

https://capce.org/

1-972-247-4442

Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for EMS Professions (COAEMSP)

Advances the quality of paramedic education through program accreditation, standards, guidance, and continuous quality-improvement resources.

https://coaemsp.org/

Community Health Worker Collaborative of SD (CHWSD)

Promotes, supports, and sustains South Dakota's community health worker profession through awareness, training, certification, reimbursement guidance, and workforce development.

https://chwsd.org/

1-605-937-9730

Distance CME

Provides live and online continuing medical education for EMS professionals, including refresher, recertification, and critical-care programs.

https://www.distancecme.com/

Don't Panic SD

Prepares responders and community members through CPR, first-aid, EMT, wilderness medicine, rescue, and emergency-response training.

https://www.dontpanicsd.com/

1-605-646-3373

Emily's Hope

Provides opioid-overdose prevention education, naloxone awareness, family support, and substance-use recovery initiatives.

https://emilyshope.charity

1-605-496-9876

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)

Improves pediatric emergency care through quality-improvement collaboratives, readiness tools, education, research, and resources for EMS agencies and hospitals.

https://emscimprovement.center

EMT -CE

Provides online EMS continuing education and recertification courses with mobile access, progress tracking, and training for multiple certification levels.

https://emt-ce.com/

App: EMT-CE

Epocrates

Professional Resource: Supports clinical decision-making at the point of care with drug information, interaction checks, pill identification, disease references, and other medical tools.

https://www.epocrates.com/

App: Epocrates

Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board

Improves the health of American Indian people in the Great Plains through tribal public-health leadership, advocacy, technical assistance, and community-driven partnerships.

https://www.greatplainstribalhealth.org/

1-605-721-1922

Helpline Center

Connects South Dakota residents with local food, housing, healthcare, transportation, crisis, and other community resources through 211 and related services.

https://www.helplinecenter.org/

1-605-339-4357

HOSA Future Health Professionals

Develops future health professionals through career exploration, leadership, technical-skill competitions, service, and partnerships with health and education organizations.

https://sdhosa.org/

1-605-357-1576

International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

Develops current and future fire-rescue and EMS leaders through education, information, services, professional representation, and leadership resources.

https://www.iafc.org/

1-703-273-0911

International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)

Advances the rights, safety, health, and future of firefighters, emergency medical workers, and rescue workers through representation, advocacy, training, and member support.

https://www.iaff.org/

1-202-737-8484

Lake Area Technical College

Prepares students for emergency medical, fire, rescue, hazardous-materials, and disaster-response careers through hands-on, career-focused education.

https://www.lakeareatech.edu/

1-605-882-5284

MDCalc

Professional Resource: Supports evidence-based clinical decisions through medical calculators, clinical decision rules, and educational references for healthcare professionals.

https://www.mdcalc.com/

App: MDCalc

Medic Tests

Prepares EMS learners for certification and practice through exam preparation, adaptive study tools, practice tests, and continuing education.

https://medictests.com/

App: Medic Tests

National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE)

Advances EMS education by supporting educators with professional development, research, networking, teaching resources, and educational standards.

https://naemse.org/

1-412-343-4775

National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO)

Supports, equips, and advocates for state, territorial, and tribal EMS officials as they improve systems of care and the professionals who operate within them.

https://nasemso.org/

1-703-538-1799 | info@nasemso.org

National Council for Mental Wellbeing

Promotes equitable access to high-quality mental-health and substance-use care through advocacy, training, consulting, and resources for providers and communities.

https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/

1-202-684-7457

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): Office of EMS

Provides national leadership, data, research, guidance, and resources to strengthen EMS systems and advance prehospital care.

https://www.ems.gov/

nhtsa.ems@dot.gov

National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

Advocates for the health and sovereignty of federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes and advances culturally grounded health equity.

https://www.nihb.org

1-202-507-4070

National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH)

Strengthens state offices of rural health through leadership, technical assistance, advocacy, education, networking, and workforce resources.

https://nosorh.org/

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)

Protects the public by establishing national EMS certification standards and providing examinations, recertification, and credential verification for EMS clinicians.

https://www.nremt.org/

1-855-430-6211

App: NREMT App

National Safety Council

Promotes safety at work, on the road, and in homes and communities through education, research, advocacy, standards, and training.

https://www.nsc.org/ | 1-630-285-1121

Northeast South Dakota Area Health Education Center (NE SD AHEC)

Builds a robust healthcare workforce for rural and underserved South Dakota communities through career exploration, professional education, EMS support, and partnerships.

https://nesdahec.org/

1-605-229-8305

NorthEast Prevention Resource Center

Supports community prevention efforts in northeastern South Dakota with training, technical assistance, and resources addressing substance use, suicide, mental health, and wellbeing.

https://www.humanserviceagency.org/NEPrevention/neprchome

1-605-884-3516

PsychArmor

Provides evidence-informed education that helps organizations understand and support service members, veterans, first responders, and their families.

https://psycharmor.org/

1-858-755-3006 App: PsychArmor

PulsePoint

Builds connected communities by alerting CPR-trained volunteers to nearby cardiac arrests and helping agencies and the public locate and manage AEDs.

https://www.pulsepoint.org

info@pulsepoint.org

App: PulsePoint AED

Safe2Say

Provides a confidential, 24/7 statewide channel for students, school staff, and community members to report safety, violence, bullying, and mental-health concerns for early intervention.

https://safe2say.sd.gov

1-605-773-3450

App: Safe2Say SD

South Dakota Area Health Education Center (SD AHEC)

Builds South Dakota's healthcare workforce through career exploration, clinical and interprofessional education, professional development, and partnerships serving rural and underserved communities.

https://www.sdahec.org/

1-605-357-1561

South Dakota Ambulance Association (SDAA)

Represents and supports South Dakota ambulance services through advocacy, education, networking, workforce development, and operational resources.

https://sdambulance.org/

1-605-642-8810

South Dakota EMS for Children (SD EMSC)

Works hand-in-hand with emergency medical providers to ensure children receive care that's specifically tailored to their needs. Resources include data, training, protocols, equipment, engagement, and quality improvement.

https://sdemsc.org

1-605-328-6668

South Dakota Health Link

Enables authorized healthcare providers to securely exchange real-time patient information to improve care coordination, quality, safety, and efficiency.

https://sdhealthlink.org/

1-605-800-1678

South Dakota Suicide Prevention

Supports suicide prevention in South Dakota through crisis information, training, warning-sign education, data, and community planning resources.

https://www.sdsuicideprevention.org/

1-605-367-5236

App: 988 LIfeLine

South Dakota Department of Health: Emergency Services

Regulates and supports South Dakota EMS through ambulance-service licensure, inspections, staffing and vehicle requirements, operational guidance, and system resources.

https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/ems-trauma/

1-605-367-5372 | Marty.Link@state.sd.us

South Dakota Department of Health: Rural Health

Improves access to quality healthcare in rural and medically underserved South Dakota communities through workforce recruitment, facility support, technical assistance, and referrals.

https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/rural-health/

1-605-367-5372 | Marty.Link@state.sd.us

South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension

Extends research-based education and community programs across South Dakota, including resources that support mental health, wellbeing, and resilient communities.

https://extension.sdstate.edu/

1-605-688-4792

South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations (SDAHO)

Advances a healthy South Dakota by representing hospitals and healthcare organizations through advocacy, education, workforce support, and quality-improvement initiatives.

http://sdaho.org/

1-605-361-2281

South Dakota EMS Association (SDEMSA)

Represents and supports South Dakota EMS professionals through education, advocacy, networking, professional development, and industry information.

https://www.sdemsa.org/

South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care (SDFMC)

Collaborates with healthcare and community partners to improve health outcomes and quality of life in South Dakota, including work that supports sustainable EMS systems.

https://sdfmc.org

1-605-336-3505

South Dakota Safety Council

Promotes safer workplaces, roads, homes, and communities in South Dakota through safety education, first-aid and CPR/AED training, consultation, and resources.

https://www.southdakotasafetycouncil.org/

1-800-952-5539

Southeast Technical College

Prepares students for high-demand careers through applied technical education, workforce training, and degree, diploma, and certificate pathways.

https://www.southeasttech.edu/index.php

1-605-367-7624

Stop the Bleed (American College of Surgeons)

Empowers the public to respond to life-threatening bleeding through education and training in direct pressure, wound packing, and tourniquet use.

https://www.stopthebleed.org/

1-312-202-5790

App: STB Stop the Bleed

Western Dakota Technical College

Prepares students for paramedic practice through career-focused education in emergency assessment, treatment, transport, clinical decision-making, and professional skills.

https://www.wdt.edu/degree-programs/paramedic/

1-605-394-4034