



Southeastern Minnesota Emergency Medical Services

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The Southeastern Minnesota EMS Regional System serves Freeborn, Mower, Fillmore, Houston, Winona, Olmsted, Dodge, Steele, Rice, Wabasha and Goodhue counties in Southeastern Minnesota. We are governed by a Joint Powers Board consisting of one county commissioner from each of the eleven counties in our region. Since 1984, the Southeastern Minnesota EMS Regional System has been committed to providing education and support to EMS providers, Fire Departments, Police Departments, as well as the public. Our focus on medical education for our EMS providers is to assure they have the most up to date skills and knowledge to be able to provide quality patient care to the members of their communities. By providing continuing education, operational support, and medical direction to over 58 EMS, Fire, and Law Enforcement agencies in eleven counties, these departments are well equipped to confront medical emergencies within their communities. In addition, SE Minnesota EMS provides staff and resources to inform the public of safety hazards that can affect us all, particularly seat-belt awareness, distracted driving, and facing the opioid epidemic.

All these initiatives have traditionally been funded thru seat-belt fines collected in Minnesota. Over the last decade, the seat belt compliance rate in the state has risen from 75% to 94%. While that's good news for public safety, the decrease in fines has led to a substantial decrease in our funding. To help provide long-term sustainable (and stable) funding, our SE Minnesota EMS Joint Powers Board has asked each of the eleven counties in the SE region to appropriate \$5000 annually to the funding of our program. This amount will directly contribute to providing continuing education (EMS, fire, law enforcement, and the public), operational support, and assistance programs (such as Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Medical Directors Consortium, etc.) to all 11 counties in our SE Region.

Over the past 24 months, the Covid19 Pandemic has taken much of our time and efforts by providing PPE from our Healthcare Coalition and the State Cache. Making sure our EMS providers had the safety equipment they needed to respond to Covid19 patients. We have also been focused on helping our First Responders deal with and treat victims of Opioid overdose by providing training and Naloxone to our Emergency Response agencies in the Region through State and Federal grants.

Our Emergency Providers are ESSENTIAL to health and safety of our communities and our SE EMS System helps to assure they are well informed and trained to meet the challenges ahead!

Our Southeastern EMS Joint Powers Board again is requesting a \$5,000 appropriation from your County Board to support our efforts.

Your investment will strengthen your partnership in the regional effort to keep these vital community resources strong, helping to make sure that every emergency response remains robust in your community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any of us, or our Regional Director Don Hauge at 507-536-9333 or by email at don.hauge@seems.com

Thank you!
Sincerely,

The Southeastern Minnesota EMS Joint Powers Board

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Outside Agency Funding Request Form

Budget		Estimated 2023
Revenues		
	Fees:	\$ 130,000
Reduction of Seatbelt fines	Grants:	\$ 208,000
	State/Federal Funding:	
	Other Revenue:	
Total Revenues:		\$ 338,000
Expenses		
	Salaries:	\$ 179,000
	Benefits:	\$ 10,000
Annual Program Audit	Professional Services:	\$ 4,500
Programs for EMS Services	Services & Charges:	\$ 92,000
	Supplies & Materials:	\$ 25,000
	Other Expenses:	
	Capital:	
Total Expenses:		\$ 310,500
Requested Funding From County:		\$ 5,000
Number of Staff	2.4 FTE's	2