



Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2013

The Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers' (FAREMS) mission is to provide a unified voice for EMS providers at a state and local level to expand and improve the delivery of pre-hospital emergency medical service in the rural areas of Florida.

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Dates

February 22, 2013
Spring 2013 Chad A. Reed

A Quick Message from Tracy

by Tracy Burger
FAREMS Program Coordinator

Happy February everyone! It is that time of year when the legislature is gearing up for session and grant opportunities start popping up!

Watch the FAREMS [website](#) for legislative updates and see below for several grant and funding opportunities for you and your agency!

Thank you for your support!
Tracy

Chad A. Reed Memorial Scholarship Applications

FAREMS is dedicated to supporting rural Florida EMS agencies in their efforts to improve pre-hospital emergency care in their communities. In order to improve the level of emergency medical care provided to rural Florida citizens, in March 2013, FAREMS will award paramedic scholarships up to \$2,500 and EMT scholarships up to \$1,000 to citizens currently working in one of Florida's 33 rural counties. These [scholarships](#) must be used to pay tuition and books for the candidate to attend a Florida state-approved paramedic or EMT certification program. To date, FAREMS has awarded 56 scholarships to applicants in 19 different counties.

Applications can be downloaded from our [website](#). The deadline to apply is Friday, February 22nd at 5 pm.

State Matching Grant Applications

Florida EMS Matching Grants applications are available NOW! Don't miss out on the great opportunity to fund your project or equipment needs. The submission deadline is March 29th at 4 pm EST. Applications, instructions and information are available from the Florida EMS Program [website](#).

Remember: FAREMS Agency members can request grant writing assistance from FAREMS staff! If you would like some help with your application or just want someone to review it before submission, contact [Tracy](#) prior to March 8th.

FREE! ASLS Manuals

Memorial Scholarship Application Deadline

March 29, 2013

Florida EMS Matching Grant
Application Deadline

TBA

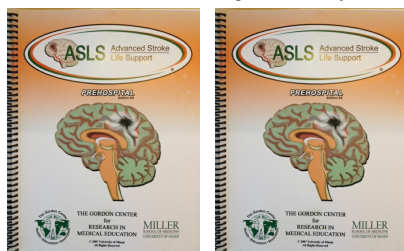
Next General FAREMS Meeting

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FAREMS has a few dozen Advanced Stroke Life Support Manuals (Edition 9a) and Instructor Manuals (Edition 10) available for any member or agency that can put them to good use. These were left over from the ASLS training FAREMS provided a few years ago and are produced from the Gordon Center for Research in Medical Education at the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami. If you are interested in having some for your staff, please contact [Tracy](#) and let her know how many!



Pediatric Restraint Class

EMS for Children - Keeping Kids Safe in the Ambulance program combines education and equipment to bring the best pediatric restraint practices to EMS providers. Participating counties will receive up to three Pedi-Mate restraint systems (depending on number of system trucks), as well as a certified instructor who will work with the agency to conduct training, and provide educational materials to the training officer. Based on federal grant approval, Emergency Medical Services for Children in Florida hopes to begin training in April of 2013, with rural counties being the first priority in the roll out! For questions, please contact the [EMSC office](#).

Membership Renewal Time

Reminder! It is time to renew your FAREMS Membership for 2013! Don't miss out on scholarships, training opportunities, professional development opportunities, grant writing assistance and more! Questions about your membership? Let [Tracy](#) know.

News About NCEMSC and Group Purchasing

Everest Emergency Vehicles and the North Central EMS Cooperative (NCEMSC) have come to agreement on an ambulance remount contract for NCEMSC members. Everest is a Ford QVM Remount Facility. Visit the [NCEMSC website](#) for complete details and to access your discounted member pricing.

Remember, a percentage of your NCEMSC purchases are returned back to FAREMS to help support ongoing association activities. If you are not sure what your login information is, or want to sign up, please contact [Tracy](#).

Contribute to Website Agency Resources

The FAREMS website has a new feature for members—Agency Resources. Currently we have fee schedules posted, but we would like to offer additional resources for member use. Are you looking for benchmark data or need a template for protocols? Let [Tracy](#) know and she will request examples from other member agencies and post them on [this page](#).

Next FAREMS Meeting

The next FAREMS General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the State EMS Advisory Council Meetings on a date to be determined. Check the [FAREMS website](#) for updates.

Other opportunities:



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Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship Program

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) offers an annual college scholarship program to help further higher education among rural youth. FRS awards 30 one-time \$2,500 scholarships to students from rural America for their first year of college, university or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by an NTCA member company. FRS funds \$2,000 of each scholarship, and the sponsoring company awards the remaining \$500. The FRS College Scholarship Program seeks to encourage students to return to their rural communities upon completing their education.

The application for the FRS College Scholarship Program is available each October for the following year's program. Applications must be postmarked to FRS by March 1st of each year and winners will be announced by May 1st of that year. Go to the [Foundation for Rural Service](#) webpage for more information.

NAEMT Scholarships

If you are an individual, active member of the National Association of EMTs (NAEMT) you may be eligible for a scholarship of up to \$2,500 to further your EMS career! Go to the [NAEMT Scholarships page](#) for more information.

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