



Southeast Region EMS Council



# Happy New Year!

We are wishing us all a year of health, wisdom, and strategic vision.



## Reconnecting with EMS in each community

We have been working on reaching out to each of our 33 communities to learn more about each EMS service and what unmet needs are out there. If you haven't heard from us already, we will be reaching out to your community soon to schedule an interview. We would love to hear from you!

To schedule your interview at your own convenience, please go to [this page](#).

We have just started a Basecamp group for Southeast EMS.

This is a collaborative site to share information and talk with one another. If you are in the state LMS, we will be sending you an invitation!

## Honoring Bobbi's legacy

Southeast Alaska lost our beloved leader Bobbi to cancer on July 29th. This loss is immeasurable. As we find our way without her guidance, we are re-examining our work and strengthening connections with our communities. We invite everyone to join us on Friday April 11th in Ketchikan for a celebration of Bobbi's life and dedication to Alaska EMS.

**Celebrating Bobbi**

Join us for an evening dedicated to honoring the legacy of invaluable contributions to Alaskan Emergency Medical Services

**April 11th, 2025**  
6pm

- ◆ A Special Legislative Memoriam
- ◆ Seattle Firefighters Pipes & Drums
- ◆ Tributes from friends and family
- ◆ A reflection of 40 years of fearless service

**ALASKA'S EMS CHAMPION**  
"THE BOSS"  
FOR 40 YEARS

**Roberta "Bobbi" Leichty**  
SEREMS DIRECTOR

Service to be held in Ketchikan  
Ted Ferry Civic Center

# Symposium and training

## Get ready!

Symposium registration is open! We are super excited to be in Ketchikan for our 40th!

Check out the schedule as it evolves:

<https://whova.com/portal/registration/42UslzPX@qUXegKbA3oF/>

Come join us in Ketchikan!

Some highlights:

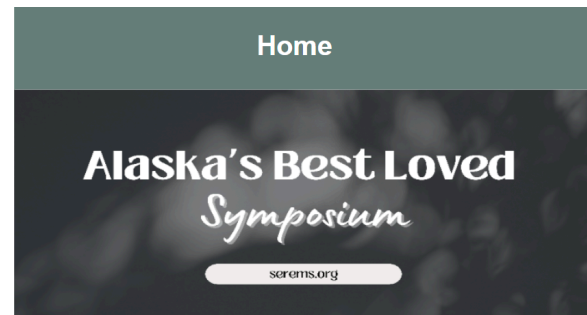
- Tactical Emergency Casualty Care
- Airlift Clinical Skills Workshop
- Prehospital Multi-Level Simulation-based Skills Portfolio Review
- Trauma informed Care and Crisis De-escalation
- Airway workshop



## AHA Instructor Class

SEREMS is offering a BLS instructor class on April 7th and 8th at Ketchikan Fire Department (station 1)- right before the symposium. To learn more or register, go here:

<https://serems.enrollware.com/enroll?id=11039220>



## Auction items, Symposium volunteer hours, scholarship donations

Volunteer 4 or more hours before, during, or after the event for 50% off your symposium registration (does not include pre-symposium classes). Limited number of 50% Volunteer scholarships available, please apply early

You can also get your auction items and in-kind donations on the list and make a tax-deductible financial contribution.

To sign up as a Volunteer or submit an Auction item go to:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uL6hXqoa\\_ejoak1jhupXLInObqoK3PgvOvzzBdWr-PM/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uL6hXqoa_ejoak1jhupXLInObqoK3PgvOvzzBdWr-PM/edit)



# CME nights!!

Starting on January 14th with Chief Rick Hines! The series continues on the second Tuesday of every month through May 13th (excluding April 8th- symposium) from 5:30-6:15. Just drop in! Here's the zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9077478005> When you accept our invitation to the Southeast Alaska EMS Basecamp, you can add this event to your calendar and receive a reminder.

## Grants and Scholarships

### MiniGrants and Symposium scholarships.

Our Executive Committee allocated \$20,000 in community mini-grants and Symposium scholarships, and we are ready to invest in your community's EMS system. Click [here](#) for the minigrant guide and application. You will need to download or save to your drive to begin editing. **Funds must be spent by May 15th.**

### We are currently accepting Code Blue applications for FY26

One Code Blue EMS Equipment Request Form is due for each item you are requesting **by March 31, 2025.**

To download the application packet and get started, visit [the folder in Basecamp](#).

## What we're up to

### Board governance training

Serems board of directors is beginning governance training with Foraker Group this winter. Foraker Group is a non-profit chartered to strengthen and build capacity in Alaska's non-profit organizations. Their board governance training will help our directors learn more about the roles and responsibilities of the board and how they serve together to govern and guide SEREMS. The training occurred live in early January and recordings will be available to board members at additional times. A follow-up session is planned for April 13th, between symposium and the board meeting.

### Alaska Specific Instructor Orientation

We are leading an Alaska Specific Instructor Orientation (ASIO) online this winter for 20 instructor candidates across the state. This course walks potential instructors through teaching in the Alaskan EMS system. It is terrific to have a group of future instructors from every region of the state interacting and networking together, and to be able to introduce them all to the ETT program.

# ETT program updates

We've moved! New and renewing ETTs now obtain cards through the Alaska EMS Licensure Management Portal, no longer in the Enrollware program. Now, services and individuals can use the "lookup" function to quickly verify ETT cards and expiration dates for ETTs, just like they have been able to for EMTs across Alaska! [Here is a direct link to the state portal.](#) Check our website for instructor or student information!



Our online ETT content has moved to a new platform- Digital Chalk, which will dovetail with the revised ETT book later this year.

Each of these transitions have entailed lots of deliberation, dialogue, and work to make them right, and we are continually improving our processes to meet the needs of rural Alaska EMS.

## News from Alaska EMS

- The EMS Advisory Committee (EMSAC) is a new committee of the Department of Health, and EMSAC is looking for members. This committee replaces ACEMS (Alaska Council On EMS), which was recently dissolved by Governor's Executive Order. They are recruiting members now through January 24th. To learn more or to apply, see <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/cJgaV5FwcSCY6v7WZn4xTeap>
- Alaska EMS is continuing work on establishing a vision for EMS for the next 25 years. SEREMS is contributing to Alaska EMS2050, along with each EMS region. We will share drafts and the final product as they are released.
- We have a fresh skills portfolio courtesy of the state training committee and Brian Webb. It's available on the portal: <https://emsdata.chems.alaska.gov/licensure/public/alaska/file/cms/2025/1/3/2025%2001%2002%20Master%20AK%20EMS%20Psychomotor%20EMT%20Portfolio%20Final.pdf>

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# Southeast ingenuity

Nice and toasty in the AED cabinet!

Many communities struggle with maintaining AED battery life while storing the AED somewhere immediately accessible in an emergency.

Hyder has recently developed a solution. Hyder Fire Chief Sven Pearson explains:

The AED case has been working great. With our current temperature hovering around 20 degrees Fahrenheit, the AED is sitting at 69F. The location of the cabinet makes the AED readily accessible to everyone. The fire extinguisher cabinet has been mounted to the exterior to our community building and fire hall, a central location in the community.



The upper part of the cabinet has 1" rigid foam insulation, and a pair of Dryguy Travel boot & shoe dryers. The cabinet is located adjacent to an exterior electrical power source, a GFCI protected receptacle. This provides the power to the boot dryer.

Included is a Taylor 9940N panel mount digital thermometer which allows monitoring of the temperature of the insulated compartment without opening the



compartment to make sure the AED is kept warm. The better option, which we have not yet incorporated in this cabinet, is to use a TempStick WiFi sensor. We currently use a TempStick sensor in our firehall, and it relays temperature and humidity information to a phone app. This app allows you to set real time texts and alerts as well, and the sensor is powered by two AA batteries. The cost of the TempStick is about \$150, but it would definitely be a lifesaver in monitoring the AED.



## Tell us about your community!

Tell us about your Community Training  
or a Community WIN!



We'd love to share your stories!



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