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### 36th Annual EMS Symposium

#### November 9 - 12, 2011

Please join us as we celebrate our 36th Annual EMS Symposium at the Egan Center in Anchorage, Alaska! The annual EMS Symposium never fails to bring in new educational sessions presented by physicians, EMS staff, and trainers. Plan now to attend the 2011 Alaska State EMS Symposium. You will learn techniques and information to improve yourself, your patient care, your EMS agency and your state EMS delivery system. Don't miss this chance to meet some of the finest in the EMS profession: your colleagues.

This year's schedule includes a number of dynamic presenters, some new to Alaska. No matter what your role in EMS is, volunteer, paid provider, instructor, manager or director, we are all EMS Providers. This year's Symposium will focus on increasing your knowledge, giving you new, interesting insights and refreshing your desire to keep doing what you do so well, help people in need. From Pre-Symposium to the Clinical track, this year we are offering many exciting choices of sessions by new speakers and old favorites.

This year's Pre-Symposium kicks off on Tuesday, November 8th, with a "Medevac Escort: Train the Trainer" class. Dave Potashnick will be here to teach a new crop of trainers for this annually popular class and space is limited. Those trained on Tuesday will assist teaching at the "Medevac Escort" class on Wednesday, November 9th

and Thursday, November 10th. This offering will be held off site at Alaska Regional Hospital. Space is limited for this class so sign-up early! Confirmed registrants will receive a map and you must attend both days to receive credit/certification.

In addition to Medevac Escort, Dr. BJ Coopes will be offering "Advanced Pediatric Life Support" (APLS) on Wednesday and Thursday. This two day offering is space limited and for advanced providers (EMT 3, MICP, RN, PA, MD). It features high level hands-on and classroom education.

The "APLS" course is an exciting curriculum designed specifically to teach EMS providers how to better assess and manage ill or injured Pediatric patients. This is a continuing medical education program developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Emergency Physicians designed to present the information care providers need to assess and care for critically ill and injured children during the first few hours/days in the emergency department, clinic, or prehospital setting.

This course takes the practitioner beyond the basics of PEPP and PALS, teaching childhood surgical, metabolic, toxic, respiratory, and cardiac emergencies. This is accomplished with didactic, interactive lectures and very hands-on stations for practice.

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### EMS Calendar

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EMS Awards Banquet	November 12
Interior Region Symposium	March 23 - 24, 2012
S.E. Region Symposium	April 27 - 28, 2012



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ing emergent tracheostomy, central venous access and more. The objective of this course is to prepare practitioners to be able to anticipate, diagnose, treat, stabilize and prioritize/optimize transportation of the sick child.

*Dr. Bernd Jilly*, Chief, Alaska State Public Health Laboratories, returns to Symposium! In two 4 hour sessions, 10 participants in each session, Dr. Jilly will introduce you to the world of infectious diseases. His presentation, “**Microbiology 101 for EMTs**”, will be held off-site, at the Public Health Labs. Expand your knowledge of the invisible world that surrounds our everyday lives and our practice. Space is limited and early registration is a must as these sessions fill up quickly.

The *Office of the State Medical Examiner and Section of Epidemiology and Surveillance* have graciously returned to offer “**Forensics 101**.” This offering will teach you about the death investigation system and the role you may play as an EMT. Beyond just death investigation, these sessions will expand your understanding of the medico-legal aspects of child abuse and neglect. In the afternoon “**Forensics 102**” will be offered, including a special topics panel. These courses are sure to peak your interest and open your eyes into the world of Forensics.

**Pre-Symposium isn't done yet! Two outside speakers, *Dave Gurchiek* and *Ray Barishansky* are coming to Alaska for Pre-Symposium.**

*Ray Barishansky* will be presenting two 4 hour **Management/**

**Leadership sessions** on Thursday with a broad range of topics from “**Volunteer Recruitment and Retention**” to “**Generational Differences in EMS Providers**.” These sessions cover six Management topics and are a must for the managers and leaders at every level of EMS.

*Dave Gurchiek* will be providing two 4 hour blocks of instruction covering four big topics: “**EMS Ethics**”, “**Pediatric Problems**”, “**Party and Rave Drugs**” and an excellent respiratory lecture called “**You take my breath away**.” These sessions are excellent for all levels of providers and all are welcome. Eight hours of CME will be granted for those who attend any two of the four hour blocks by Gurchiek and/or Barishansky.

The **Clinical Track** this year features a number of excellent speakers from inside and outside the state. Speakers include Mike Casey, MD, Las Vegas, Nevada; Jessica Pierog, DO, Palo Alto, CA; BJ Cooper, MD, Anchorage, AK.; Brent Roatan, MD, Anchorage, AK; Elizabeth Galloway, MD, Anchorage, AK; Deborah Lerner, MD, Anchorage, AK; Anne Zink, MD, Wasilla, AK.

The clinical track will culminate in the Medical Director's Luncheon and meeting (see program schedule for location). All medical directors are encouraged to attend.

The General Session will feature *Dr. Mike Casey* as returning Keynote speaker to present “**Bariatric Trauma Tactics**” this year. As the population of America gains weight, different injury patterns occur and treatments must be established. This is a new

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For up-to-date 2011 Alaska EMS Symposium information go to  
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and interesting topic from an exciting and in-demand presenter.

Dr. Casey received his Trauma Critical Care Fellowship at the University Of Nevada School Of Medicine where he works as a General and Trauma Surgeon at the third busiest Level 1 Trauma Center in the U.S.

On Saturday, we offer two joint sessions; *Brian Reiselbara*, BA, NREMT-P, MS, Kotzebue, AK will be offering his “**ALS for EMTs and ETTs**” course. This session is divided into two 1.5 hour blocks following each other on Saturday morning.

For those interested in writing excellent reports that are defensible in court, we suggest taking *Dave Gurchiek's* “**Documenting the Unthinkable**” which will follow with *Lisa Hamby's* “**Anatomy of a Lawsuit.**”

What the heck is “**Trading Post**”? This is an offering for Instructors. Modeled after the Trading Post available from NAEMSE, bring \$10 cash or check to the session along with two of your best electronic assets. (PowerPoint, pictures, videos, audio, etc...) When you leave, you leave with everything on a thumb drive supplied by the speaker. During the session itself, participants can take turns asking for special needs or sharing tips and tricks for content creation. New instructors are also welcome!

This symposium also features the following speakers: Jill Swope, RN, BSN, CEN, CFRN, CCRN from Flagstaff Arizona; Dave Gurchiek, BS, MS, PhD(c), NREMT-P from Billings, Montana; Ray Barishansky MPH, EMT-B from Silver Spring, Maryland as well as some new and favorites from Alaska.

### All-Alaska EMT Skills Competition Rules

- Four scenarios will be selected from the EMT-I skills level.
- Only one team (two members) from each organization may enroll.
- Each team is required to bring its own trauma kit, equipped as the members see fit. Any specialized equipment required for the scenarios will be furnished. If it is not possible to bring a kit, please contact SREMSC in advance and one will be supplied. No books will be required or allowed.
- There is no entry fee.
- Each team must send completed entry blanks before November 4, 2011, so adequate plans may be made for space. Late entries may be accepted on a space available basis.

Photo to right  
Jessie Westin & Rebecca Kruse from Team One  
1st Place 2010 EMT Skills Competition Winners

### Participate in the 34rd Annual All-Alaska EMT Skills Competition

The competition is on . . .

The 34th Annual All-Alaska Skills Competition will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 1:30 PM at the Egan Center. This year's competition is sponsored and facilitated by the University of Alaska Anchorage Paramedic Program Mat-Su and Kenai Colleges.

Each year, teams from all over the State of Alaska compete in the EMT Skills Competition. All who participate will receive recognition gift bags for their participation. Audience members can cheer their favorite team on and have an opportunity to win door prizes.

The objective of the EMT Skills Competition is to create a fun, challenging and educational experience for EMS enthusiasts. More importantly, a goal of the EMS Skills Competition is to enlighten and invigorate EMS personnel. CMEs will be issued for this event.

The UAA Paramedic Program will provide 4 exciting, challenging and educational scenarios which everybody can learn from. As EMS providers, we need to be ready for anything. Judging will be based on the current State of Alaska Treatment Guidelines, Skills Sheets, and each team's elapsed time. The Treatment Guidelines are available online at <http://www.ems.alaska.gov/EMS/downloads/treatment.htm>.

The criteria used for tie breaking will be determined by the judges in reviewing proctors notes and times. All judges and proctors will be selected by the UAA Paramedic Program and briefed prior to the event to ensure the criteria is appropriately and fairly applied.

Entry forms are contained in this issue and available at <http://www.sremsc.org/Pages/Symposium.html>. Trophies and plaques will be awarded to the top five teams. If you have any further questions, please contact Southern Region EMS Council at (907) 562-6449 or go to [www.sremsc.org](http://www.sremsc.org).





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### Upcoming Regional Symposia

**Southeast Region EMS Council  
Pre-Symposium April 24 - 26, 2012  
Symposium April 27 - 28, 2012**

Ketchikan, Alaska

For more information contact:

Southeast Region EMS Council  
(907) 747-8005

[www.serems.org](http://www.serems.org)

**Interior Region EMS Council  
Pre-Symposium March 21 - 22, 2012  
Symposium March 23 - 24, 2012**

Fairbanks, Alaska

For more information contact:

Interior Region EMS Council  
(907) 456-3978

[www.iremsc.org](http://www.iremsc.org)

### EMS Symposium Continuing Medical Education

CME credits have been approved for EMTs and Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics.

An application for CME credits for Physicians and Physician Assistants has been made through the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). Prescribed CME credits are equivalent to Category I credit from the American Medical Association.

SREMSC is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number \_\_ for up to 31.5 contact hours, for various classes within the Symposium.

<http://www.sremsc.org>

### 2011 EMS Awards

The Alaska Council on EMS is seeking nominations for the 2011 Governor's Annual EMS Awards. The deadline for submissions is September 15th, however, nominations may be submitted throughout the year.

There are nomination forms for each award, including Special Commendations.

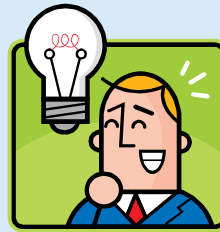
Modifiable PDF forms are available on the State EMS Office website at <http://www.ems.alaska.gov/acems/awards/default.htm> or can be obtained by contacting Jacquelyn Smail at (907) 465-8508 or [jacquelyn.smail@alaska.gov](mailto:jacquelyn.smail@alaska.gov).

A signed nomination form must accompany all nominations. If you fax a nomination, please check with Jacquelyn Smail to ensure it has reached the office. Mail, fax, or scan and email the completed forms to:

ACEMS Awards  
EMS Unit  
Section of Emergency Programs  
P.O. Box 110616  
Juneau, AK 99811-0616

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Email: [jacquelyn.smail@alaska.gov](mailto:jacquelyn.smail@alaska.gov)



**It's not too early to begin planning for the 2012 Alaska EMS Symposium!**

Topics and speakers will be largely determined by Symposium evaluations and letters.

*Let us know your ideas!*

The dates and hosting hotel of the November 2012 Symposium will be announced at a later time.



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### Reservations



The hosting hotel is the Hotel Captain Cook where the conference rate is only \$85 per night. The toll free reservation line for the hotel is (800) 843-1950 or (907) 276-6000. Please be sure to use the password “AKEMS11” at [www.captaincook.com](http://www.captaincook.com) to receive this special symposium rate. Contact the Hotel Captain Cook as soon as possible and before October 11th to guarantee the lowest rates.

We remind you of the importance of staying at our host hotel, the Hotel Captain Cook, which is offering us this special

room rate. While we realize that some of you may want to stay at other locations for a variety of reasons, your support is very important to the Symposium overall. Staying at the official host hotel assists in many ways, including offering significantly reduced costs for our speaker rooms and other benefits based on the number of hotel rooms used. This in turn, allows us to bring you the highest quality speakers and helps us to keep the Symposium registration fees as low as possible. In addition, there will be a free shuttle between the hotel and the Egan Center for your convenience. The hotel is offering discounted parking rates for all guests.

### Airfare

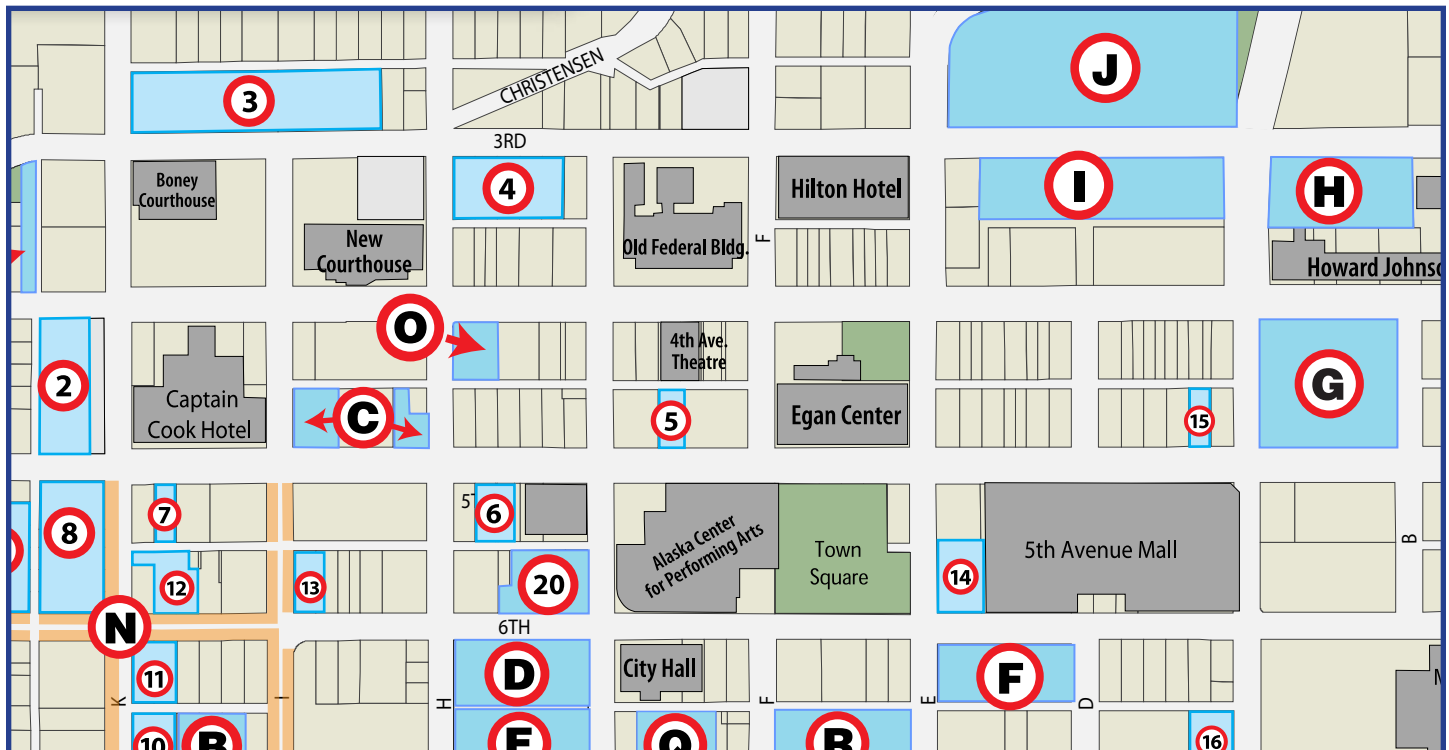
Flights may be booked online at [www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com). Input the eCert Code **ECMG68** in the Discount Code box when filling out the Quick Flight Search box. The discount will be applied to any flights that meet the special Symposium fare criteria.

### Parking

The Egan Center is located on 5th Avenue between E and F Streets and there are a number of parking options. Monday through Friday, between 9 AM and 6 PM, you may park for two hours at a meter. On Saturday, Sunday, evenings, and municipal holidays, free parking is permitted at all metered spaces.

2	Capt. Cook Parking	Rate per day \$12 Hotel guests only
D	7th & G	Hourly \$1
F	JC Penney Garage	Hourly \$1
G	5th Avenue Garage	Hourly \$1
I	Post Office Mall	Hourly \$1

On street parking is a minimum of \$2 per hour.





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### Why Use AURORA?

You may ask yourself, why do they keep having all this AURORA stuff at symposium? The answer is easy, MONEY!!!

The AURORA EMS data collection system is important to you, your service and everyone in Alaska. By gathering state-wide data it empowers us to be able to submit data to National agencies, then apply for money in the form of grants.

The National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration in their document, A Leadership Guide to Quality Improvement for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems, stated that "...data are necessary to describe customer needs, evaluate performance, establish goals for improvement, and monitor progress."

All of these items are exactly the things needed to apply for the grants that are available. Unfortunately, right now, we don't have all the data we need yet.

So, the next time you have to enter data for the AURORA system or fill out a survey, ask yourself, "Is more money for the EMS system in Alaska a good thing? Would I like to have more monies available to the State, my community and my service?"

### Why do Evaluations?

After each session you attend at Symposium there is always that pesky evaluation to fill out. It may seem like it's a waste of your time, but we promise you, every single evaluation that you fill out is read. The only way for us to make our Symposium better is to hear from the participants. Even if you don't plan on attending Symposium, tell us why. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

### Certification Corner

There are over 4,000 EMTs in the State of Alaska. Every year, about half of those EMTs recertify. The staff at the State EMS Office works hard to complete this process as quickly as possible and they do it all by hand! By far, the most common thing complicating and delaying recertification is incomplete applications. Make sure you check your application thoroughly before sending it off. Even a small missed section can delay your application for recertification significantly. You are your best advocate. Be sure to be thorough.

### Did You Know?

Every time you participate in or test out of a scenario, we all say the same thing. "BSI; is the scene safe?" Scene safety has been hammered into the collective consciousness of EMS for many years now. BSI or Body Substance Isolation aka Universal Precautions has also been made a part of our training regimen. Rare indeed is the provider who can remember a time when these elements were not part of the EMS lexicon. But, did you know, Universal Precautions were not a widely implemented (Nationally) practice until the late 1980's? A mere 25 years ago, not everyone was wearing gloves with every patient. Thinking about that, you may say, "that's crazy, what were they thinking?!" Imagine what will be said 25 years from now about what we do today.

## Special Events

Alaska Regional Hospital will again host the annual EMS Instructors Luncheon on Friday, November 12th from 12:15-1:30 PM. It will be located at Alaska Regional Hospital, 2801 DeBarr Road. You can sign up to attend on the symposium pre-registration form. Space is limited to the first 50.

At 7:15 PM Saturday, November 12th, there will be no-host cocktails in Explorer's Hall (Street Level) at the Egan Center.

At 8:00 PM on Saturday evening, the Annual Governor's EMS Awards Banquet will be held, also in Explorer's Hall at the Egan Center. At this time there will be a presentation of the 2011 Governor's EMS Awards, individuals selected by ACEMS from statewide nominations. These recipients represent the finest in the Alaska EMS system. The University of Alaska Anchorage Paramedic Program Mat-Su and Kenai Colleges, will present trophies and plaques to the top five teams in the All-Alaska EMT Skills Competition.

### Banquet Menu

Arugula & Frisée with Roasted Beets, Ricotta Salata,  
Citrus, Pine Nuts, Black Olive Crouton, Zinfandel  
Vinaigrette

Boneless Fillet of Alaskan Salmon Grilled with Cracked  
Green & Pink Peppercorns Served with St Michelle  
Gewürztraminer Raspberry Butter Sauce

Grilled Asparagus & Potato Purée

Blood Orange Mousse with Pistachio Cream and  
an Apricot Glaze

\$45



(Note: This Schedule may be subject to change.)

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### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8

8 AM - 5 PM

**Session 1**  
**“Medevac Escort  
 Train the Trainer”** off-site  
 Dave Potashnick, PA-C, FP-C  
 Lead Instructor  
 Barrow, AK

### WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 & 10

8 AM - 5PM

**Session 2**  
**“APLS” (BLS/ALS Track)**  
 B.J. Coopes, MD  
 Lead Instructor  
 Anchorage, AK

**Session 3**  
**“Medevac Escort” (BLS/ALS  
 Track)** off-site  
 Dave Potashnick, PA-C, FP-C  
 Lead Instructor  
 Barrow, AK

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30 AM

**REGISTRATION**

8 AM - 12 PM

**Session 4**

- “Are you leading the way or being chased? Lessons for the new EMS Supervisor
- “Desparately Seeking Competent EMS Leaders and Managers”
- “Two in the Hand: Volunteer Recruitment & Retention” (Management/Leadership)

Ray Barishansky MPH, EMT-B  
 Silver Spring, Maryland

**Session 5**

- “To Treat or Not to Treat: Ethical Conflicts from the Field”
- “Johnny’s Sick today: Predictable Pediatric Problems” (BLS/ALS Track)

David Gurchiek BS, MS,  
 PhD(c), NREMT-P  
 Billings, Montana

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 (Continued)

8 AM – 12 PM

**Session 6**  
**“Microbiology 101 for EMTs”  
 (BLS/ALS Track)** off-site  
 Dr. Bernd Jilly  
 Chief, Alaska State Public Health  
 Laboratories  
 Anchorage, AK

**Session 7**  
**“Forensics 101”  
 (BLS/ALS Track)**  
 Office of the State Medical Examiner,  
 and Deborah Hull-Jilly, SPH, CLS  
 Anchorage, AK

12 PM - 1 PM

**LUNCH**

1 PM - 5 PM

**Session 8**

- “Do you have what it takes? Defining & understanding professionalism”
- “It takes different strokes to move the world - Understanding generational realities.”
- “It will be different when I am in charge! Myths vs. Realites of EMS Supervision & Management.”

(Management/Leadership)  
 Ray Barishansky MPH, EMT-B  
 Silver Spring, Maryland

**Session 9**

- “Drug abuse after hours - Responding to the Party”
- “You take my breath away.” (BLS/ALS Track)

David Gurchiek BS, MS, PhD(c),  
 NREMT-P  
 Billings, Montana

**Session 10**  
**“Microbiology 101 for EMTs”  
 (BLS/ALS Track)** off-site  
 Dr. Bernd Jilly  
 Chief, Alaska State Public Health  
 Laboratories  
 Anchorage, AK

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(Continued)

1 PM - 5 PM

**Session 11**  
**“Forensics 102”**  
 - Chemical Suicides  
 - The Choking Game  
 - Firearm Surveillance  
 - Home Brew

**(BLS/ALS Track)**  
 Deborah Hull-Jilly, SPH, CLS  
 Anchorage, AK

1 PM - 5 PM

**Session 12**  
**“Bring Your laptop, Build a Report”**  
**(Data Management)**  
 Image Trend/AURORA

6 PM - 7 PM

**Welcome Reception - CANCELLED****THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10****CLINICAL TRACK**

2nd Floor Conference Room

7:30 AM

**REGISTRATION**

8:30 AM - 10 AM

**“Transport Cases”**  
 Deborah Lerner, MD  
 Anchorage, AK

10 AM - 10:30 AM

**BREAK**

10:30M - 12 PM

**“What’s New in Prehospital Resuscitation?”**  
**Jessica Pierog, DO**  
 Stanford University Medical Center  
 Palo Alto, CA

12 PM – 1 PM

**LUNCH**

1:30 PM - 3 PM

**“Neurovascular Injury in Extremity Trauma”**  
 Mike Casey, MD  
 Las Vegas, Nevada

3 PM - 3:30 PM

**BREAK**

3:30 PM - 5 PM

**“Head Trauma”**  
 Anne Zink, MD  
 Wasilla, AK

6 PM - 7 PM

**Welcome Reception - CANCELLED****FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

7:30 AM – 9 AM

**Registration - Lower Level Lobby**

9 AM – 10 AM

**OPENING SESSION**  
**COOK ROOM (Street Level)**

Shelley Owens  
 EMS Unit Manager

David Hull  
 ACEMS Chair &  
 State Training Committee

UAA Paramedic Program

10 AM – 10:30 AM

**BREAK**

10:30 AM – 12 PM

**GENERAL SESSION**  
**COOK ROOM (Street Level)**

**Bariatric Trauma Tactics**  
 Mike Casey, MD  
 Las Vegas, Nevada

12 PM – 1:30 PM

**LUNCH**

*EMS Instructors’ Luncheon*  
 Sponsored by Alaska Regional  
 Hospital

1:30 PM – 3 PM

**“Please don’t call me Honey” -**  
**Understanding our Geriatric**  
**Patients ( BLS/ALS Track)**

Ray Barishansky MPH, EMT-B  
 Silver Spring, Maryland

**“Adventures in Gravid**  
**Uterusland”**

Jill Swope RN, BSN, CEN,  
 CFRN, CCRN  
 Flagstaff, Arizona



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- 1:30 PM – 3 PM**      **ICS 200 (Part 1)**  
**(Preparedness/BLS/ALS Track)**  
 DHS (Dept. of Homeland Security)
- “Zone Neck Injuries”  
 Mike Casey, MD  
 Las Vegas, Nevada
- “Report Writing 2.0  
 for Dummies”  
**(Data Management)**  
 Image Trend/AURORA
- 3 PM - 3:30 PM**      **BREAK**
- 3:30 PM - 5 PM**      “Are you sure you want to be  
 a PIO?”  
**(Management Track)**  
 Ray Barishansky MPH, EMT-B  
 Silver Spring, Maryland
- “Tatoos, Titanium and Trauma:  
 Body Mutilations in EMS”  
**(BLS/ALS Track)**  
 Jill Swope RN, BSN, CEN,  
 CFRN, CCRN  
 Flagstaff, Arizona
- ICS 200 (Part 2)**  
**(Preparedness/BLS/ALS Track)**  
 DHS (Dept. of Homeland Security)
- “A Trauma Surgeon’s  
 Experience, Learning Good EMS  
 from a doctor’s View.”  
**(BLS/ALS Track)**  
 Mike Casey, MD  
 Las Vegas, Nevada
- “Fire Bridge 101”  
**(Data Management)**  
 Image Trend/AURORA
- 5 PM**      **ITLS Faculty Meeting**

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

#### CLINICAL TRACK

(2nd Floor Conference Room)

- 8:30 AM - 10 AM**      “Chest Trauma”  
 Mike Casey, MD  
 Las Vegas, Nevada
- 10 AM - 10:30 AM**      **BREAK**
- 10:30 AM - 12 PM**      **GENERAL SESSION**  
**COOK ROOM (Street Level)**  
**Bariatric Trauma Tactics**  
 Mike Casey, MD  
 Las Vegas, Nevada
- 12 PM - 1:30 PM**      **LUNCH**
- 1:30 PM - 3 PM**      “Pediatric Surgical Emergencies”  
 Brent Roaten, MD  
 Anchorage, AK
- 3 PM - 3:30 PM**      **BREAK**
- 3:30 PM - 5 PM**      “Pediatric Neurological  
 Emergencies”  
 Elizabeth Galloway, MD  
 Anchorage, AK

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 8:30 AM – 10 AM**      “Street Drug Culture of Alaska”  
**(BLS/ALS Track)**  
 Seth McMillan, MICP  
 Anchorage, AK
- “Dangerous Creatures: Handling  
 the Potentially Violent Patients”  
**(BLS/ALS Track)**  
 David Gurchiek BS, MS,  
 PhD(c), NREMT-P  
 Billings, Montana
- “The Most Dangerous Job in the  
 World”  
**(BLS/ALS Track)**  
 Jill Swope RN, BSN, CEN,  
 CFRN, CCRN  
 Flagstaff, Arizona



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#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (Continued)

- 8:30 AM – 10 AM**      **“ALS for BLS Providers, Part 1”**  
Brian Reiselbara, BA, NREMT-P, MS  
Kotzebue, AK
  
- 10 AM – 10:30 AM**      **BREAK**
  
- 10:30 AM – 12 PM**      **“Trading Post”**  
**(Instructor Track)**  
Thomas Meyer, MICP  
Southern Region EMS Council  
Anchorage, AK
  
- “You Can’t Say That:**  
**Documenting the Unthinkable**  
**(BLS/ALS Track)**  
David Gurchiek BS, MS,  
PhD(c), NREMT-P  
Billings, Montana
  
- “Return of the Little Aliens:**  
**Unusual Pediatric and Neonatal**  
**Emergencies”**  
**(BLS/ALS Track)**  
Jill Swope RN, BSN, CEN,  
CFRN, CCRN  
Flagstaff, Arizona
  
- “ALS for BLS Providers, Part 2”**  
Brian Reiselbara, BA, NREMT-P, MS  
Kotzebue, AK
  
- 12 PM – 1:30 PM**      **LUNCH**
  
- 1:30 PM**                      **Skills Competition**
  
- 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**      **“On Scene: Challenging Case**  
**Scenarios”**  
David Gurchiek BS, MS,  
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Billings, Montana
  
- “Anatomy of a Lawsuit”**  
**(BLS/ALS Track)**  
Lisa C. Hamby, Esq.  
Fairbanks, AK
  
- 3 PM - 3:30 PM**              **BREAK**

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (Continued)

- 3:30 PM - 5 PM**              **“Sepsis - the P.E.S.T.R. Model”**  
**(BLS/ALS Track)**  
Thomas Meyer, MICP  
Southern Region EMS Council  
Anchorage, AK
  
- “Poisoning Surveillance”**  
**(IP/BLS/ALS Track)**  
Deborah Hull-Jilly, SPH, CLS  
Anchorage, AK
  
- 1:30 PM - 5 PM**              **Medical Director Meeting**
  
- 7:15 PM**                      *No Host Cocktails, Egan Center  
Explorer’s Hall (Street Level)*
  
- 8:00 PM**                      *EMS Awards Banquet, Egan Center  
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#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 CLINICAL TRACK (2nd Floor Conference Room)

- 8:30 AM -10 AM**              **“Pediatric Hypothermia”**  
BJ Coopes, MD  
Anchorage, AK
  
- 10 AM - 10:30 AM**              **BREAK**
  
- 10:30 AM - 12 PM**              **“EMS Research that Should**  
**(or Should Not) Change Your**  
**Practice”**  
Jessica Pierog, DO  
Stanford University Medical Center  
Palo Alto, CA
  
- 12 PM - 5 PM**                      **EMS Medical Directors**  
**Luncheon & Meeting**
  
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