



Call for Presentations

The Virginia Office of EMS proudly announces their annual EMS Symposium for 2008 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott in Norfolk, Virginia. This cutting edge conference is attended by an average of 1,800 emergency service professionals, nurses, emergency dispatchers and physicians primarily from Virginia.

Audience - The Program Committee of the 29th Annual Virginia EMS Symposium is seeking exemplary local, regional and national speakers to present timely, exciting, thought-provoking and educationally sound topics that are relevant to EMS, Fire & Rescue providers, educators, emergency dispatchers, nurses, physicians, researchers, managers and administrators.

More than 1,800 persons attend the Conference to enjoy networking with their peers as well as earn continuing education units for re-certification.

Format and Session Length – The Pre-Conference begins on Wednesday, Nov. 12 and ends Thursday Nov. 13. The regular sessions begin Friday, Nov. 14 and runs through 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15. The Sunday sessions run from 9-11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16.

Pre-Conference sessions run on 4-hour, 8-hour, or multiple day blocks, many for certification. Regular sessions are offered in 1.5 hour – 3 hour blocks. The Sunday session is a 2-hour block. Some workshops can have separate registration fees to cover supplies or more.

Topics – The Symposium Committee is requesting proposals for innovative and unique topics, as well as core EMS curriculum. Some suggestions for areas of interest are: ALS knowledge, BLS knowledge, career development, specialty topics, case review presentations, skills and hands-on sessions.

Selection Criteria – Proposals will be reviewed by the entire Program Committee and selected based upon the following criteria:

1. Unique, cutting edge or timely subjects
2. Thorough description of the presentation and learning objectives
3. Anticipated attendee interest in the subject matter
4. Appropriateness for symposium tracks and/or session periods
5. Presentation experience and/or past performance of the educator
6. Out-of-state speakers will be required to present a minimum of three classes.
Since three must be selected by the committee, please submit several extras for consideration.

Fees and Expenses – Speakers may expect to receive lodging for the evening prior to their presentation(s) (as appropriate) at either the conference hotel or a comparable nearby facility, food allowance as well as travel expenses. Confirmed speakers will receive a faculty agreement contract outlining all compensation and expense reimbursement policies.

Proposal Deadline – To better assist our Program Committee in evaluating your presentation, please submit your proposal(s). A brief biographical sketch of the presenter(s) should be included with your proposal(s) as well as contact information. Your complete proposal(s) must be received by November 30, 2007 for review and consideration by the Program Committee. Proposals received after this date may be considered for the 2009 conference.

Confirmation – The Program Committee will review proposals and make preliminary selections *no later than* February 15, 2008. An acknowledgement will be sent to confirm the status of your presentation proposal(s) after this time.

Submit Proposal – Please submit your Presentation Proposal and a brief biographical sketch electronically to Matt Lawler at:

mlawler@vaems.org

Please place “Symposium Proposal – (your last name, example “Smith”)” in the “subject” line.

Questions? – If you have any questions, please contact Matt Lawler at 540-886-3676 or mlawler@vaems.org.