

MINNESOTA EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 13–15, 2026 • GREYSOLON PLAZA • DULUTH, MN | PROGRAM SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 • PRE-CONFERENCE & WELCOME

3:00 – 5:00 PM REGISTRATION & EXHIBITOR SET-UP

Location: Greysolon Plaza Main Lobby & Ballroom

6:00 – 10:00 PM WELCOME RECEPTION

Greysolon Plaza • Moorish Room | Downstairs

An evening of networking with conference attendees, medical directors, and exhibitors. Appetizers and a cash bar in the historic Moorish Room.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 • MAIN CONFERENCE DAY 1

7:00 AM REGISTRATION CHECK-IN & BREAKFAST

Registration: Ballroom | Breakfast: Moorish Room

8:00 AM Welcome & Opening Announcements

Anuradha Luke, MD

8:15 AM Fellow Sessions

- Mini Aeromedical: Exploring Drone Delivery of Life-Saving Interventions — Mitchell Butterbaugh, MD, NRP
- Surgical Cricothyrotomy: Can't Intubate, Can't Oxygenate — Ben Hodapp, MD, MSc

9:15 AM Lessons Learned from Burnsville's Tragic Line of Duty Deaths

Trigger Warning: Sensitive case review and incident debrief.

Chief BJ Jungmann • Assistant Chief Neal Dwyer

10:15 AM BREAK • REFRESHMENTS • EXHIBITS

10:45 AM Every Agency, Every Child: A Practical Guide to Prehospital Pediatric Readiness

Anna DePompolo, MD • Elissa Butler, MD

11:15 AM Fellow Sessions

- Needle Decompression — Jack Goldstein, MD
- TXA in Trauma: A Review of the Literature Regarding TXA Use in a Variety of Traumatic Applications — Joe Pasquarella, MD

12:15 PM LUNCH & EXHIBITOR NETWORKING

1:15 PM Medicine, Storytelling, and Leadership

Jacob Lentz, MD (Live Zoom Presentation)

1:45 PM Legislative Affairs: Looking Ahead

Panel: Buck McAlpin • Tom Fennell

Interactive Conversation & Q&A — What should EMS medical directors have on their radar for the next legislative session at the state and national levels?

2:15 PM BREAK • EXHIBITS

2:45 PM Scaling Success: Implementation Science for Statewide EMS

Christopher Carpenter, MD

3:15 PM Breezing Through ALS First Response with a Body-Worn Camera

Sgt. Joe Garcia

3:45 PM Office of EMS Meeting

Statewide updates, policy discussions, and regulatory Q&A session.

5:15 PM **END OF DAY 1 SESSIONS**

6:00 PM **CONFERENCE BANQUET**

Location: Kitchi Gammi Club

Join us for an evening of fine dining and collegial discussion.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 • MAIN CONFERENCE DAY 2

7:00 AM **BREAKFAST**

Moorish Room

7:45 AM **Welcome & Announcements • MN NAEMS-P Update**

MN Medical Directors Board • Aaron Klassen, MD, MN NAEMSP Chair

8:00 AM **2025/26 Literature Review**

Nick Simpson, MD

8:30 AM **Rural EMS: Delivering High-Quality Emergency Care with Limited Resources**

David Collins, MD

Followed by Expert Panel Discussion

Panelists TBA

9:30 AM **Annunciation Presentation: Lessons Learned**

Alec Bunting, MD • Nick Simpson, MD

10:30 AM **BREAK WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

11:00 AM **Closing Keynote: Breaking Barriers on Ice**

Ann Bancroft, Polar Explorer & Philanthropist

12:00 PM **END OF SESSIONS**

CONFERENCE INFORMATION & VENUE LOCATIONS

VENUE LOCATIONS

- Main Venue: Greysolon Plaza
231 E Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802
- Registration & General Sessions: Ballroom
- Breakfast & Welcome Reception: Moorish Room
- Wednesday Banquet: Kitchi Gammi Club
831 E Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

- Continuing Education: Please ensure you sign in daily to receive full CME credits.
- WiFi Access: Network details will be available at the registration desk.
- Evaluation & Certificates: Digital evaluation forms will be emailed following the conference wrap-up.
- Presentations: Speaker slides will be shared post-event subject to presenter authorization.