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# FAEMSE NEWS



Newsletter of the Florida Association of Emergency Medical Services Educators



## Happy New Year!

*A review of FAEMSE's accomplishments in 1999.*

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I never thought I'd say this but, "where has this century gone?" I remember wondering as a child where I'd be during the turn of the century. Never in my wildest dreams (some of you would call them hallucinations) did I imagine that I would be associated with so many creative and talented professionals such as the ones who belong and participate in FAEMSE.

During this time of reflection, I'd like to share some of the more memorable events and accomplishments that our organization has realized in 1999.

- ✓ Development of a standardized teaching package on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.
- ✓ Contributed to the Model Pediatric Protocols authored by the National Association of EMS Physicians.
- ✓ Membership increased by 30%.
- ✓ Online bookstore implemented. Complete with a secure process to accept credit card orders.
- ✓ Provided essential services and support to the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) during their annual symposium in Orlando.
- ✓ Partnered with the State Plan – Goal 7 Team to perform a task analysis for classroom instructors.

- ✓ Represented the EMS educational community at the Transformation of EMS process (ongoing).
- ✓ Began discussion with NAEMSE to develop a plan to hold additional national meetings in Florida.
- ✓ Development of a standardized PowerPoint lecture on calculating drug dosages.

### - Future Direction -

Our organization's success is certain to continue as many projects are completed and new goals are embraced.

The Association's officers are completing work on the task analysis and will continue to participate in the Transformation of EMS process. They are also preparing to start the election process for their successors.

Soon, ballots will be distributed to our membership as we prepare to elect the next Officers to the Board of Directors. The board will face new challenges as they lead us to future growth and prosperity in the new millennium. In addition to the daily business they will be active in proposing new legislation and implementing the paramedic curriculum.

FAEMSE's strength is its unity and spirit of cooperation between our membership. On behalf of the Board of Directors we look forward to our continued collaboration in the pursuit of our organization's goals.



FAEMSE's mission is to provide resources to individuals and organizations that will foster excellence in EMS education and training.

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**Call for Submissions**

Anyone interested in writing for the FAEMSE Newsletter should contact David LaCombe at (305) 243-6491.

Deadline for the spring issue is February 18, 2000.

# Linda Swisher appointed to Council

The Bureau of EMS announced that Secretary of Health, Dr. Robert Brooks, has appointed Linda W. Swisher, EdD to the Educator position on the Florida EMS Advisory Council. Dr. Swisher will succeed Gail Stewart who stepped down early from the Council due to personal reasons.

Dr. Swisher serves as the Program Director for Health Sciences as Sarasota County Technical Institute. In this capacity she oversees all health programs including the EMT and paramedic training. She also manages the school's continuing medical education programs.

Dr. Swisher began her career as a scrub nurse in Dayton, Ohio and moved to Sarasota in 1972 where she became involved in nursing education. Dr. Swisher has authored numerous texts and developed a Competency Based Paramedic Preceptorship program, which is disseminated throughout the United States. She is also the recipient of the 1999 FAEMSE Program Director of the Year award.

"I feel very fortunate to have this opportunity to represent my profession. It is an honor to have been selected for the Council and I look forward to serving the many facets of the EMS education and training community," said Swisher. Dr. Swisher's term lasts until June 30, 2001.

# Jaime Greene takes position with State Bureau of EMS

The next time you see someone from the State Bureau of EMS at a Site Visit or ambulance inspection it just may be Jaime Greene. Greene, most recently was the EMS and Fire Program Director at Palm Beach Community College. He also was on the founding Board of Directors for FAEMSE.

Mr. Greene moved to South Florida, from Kentucky, in August 1996 where he went to work for the Palm Beach County School Board. He has however, spent his life in various position within emergency services; serving as an EMS and fire chief, instructor, and Board member for several associations and organizations.

Mr. Greene's new position as Senior Human Services Program Specialist will involve aspects of licensure, training center regulation, ambulance inspection and complaints.

"I especially want to thank Jaime for his invaluable contributions to FAEMSE. Jaime was a driving force in the development of our organization. We wish him much success in his new position," said President David LaCombe.

# News You Can Use

## FAEMSE Website Updated

We've added a few new files to our download page that our members have requested. They include:

### National Standard Curricula

- ✓ EMT-Basic Curriculum
- ✓ EMT-Basic Refresher
- ✓ EMT-P Curriculum

### Pharmacology Math Package

(PowerPoint presentation, instructor notes and quizzes)

### Coming Soon

PowerPoint Triage Program

Please visit [www.faemse.org](http://www.faemse.org) to access these free files. We encourage members to share their presentations and other useful files on this page.

## The Bureau Has Moved

The Bureau of EMS recently completed its move to the new Capital City Office Complex in Tallahassee.

Please note the new address and phone number.

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## Task Analysis Update

The State Plan-Goal 7 team and FAEMSE have completed the first phase of the Classroom Instructor Task Analysis.

To date, we have received approximately 60 completed surveys from 70% of the State's EMS Training Centers. "So far the data seems quite impressive but we need the participation of the centers that have not responded so far," said David LaCombe.

The data from the Task Analysis will be applied during the development of an introductory course on Teaching for new instructors.

The next phase will include surveying the schools that have not yet responded. Upon completion, the results will be submitted for publication to a peer-reviewed journal.

## Book Reviews

**Tools for Teaching** by Barbara Gross Davis

"A tool chest of strategies for those who are seeking ways to make their teaching more effective. This book is the kind of resource that will wind up not on faculty members' bookshelves but on their desks and in their briefcases."

- *Larry A. Braskamp, Dean of the College of Education, University of Illinois, Chicago*

**What to Say When...You're Dying on the Platform** by Lilly Walters

"Powerful, practical, positive. A MUST READ. Lilly Walters has organized tips and humorous strategies from the world's best speakers into one book. What an achievement. What a resource."

## Upcoming Events

### **EMS Today 2000**

March 22-26, 2000

Orlando, Florida

(760) 431-9797

<http://www.dotcom.com/jems/confrenz/confhm.html>

### **ClinCon 2000**

July 13-16, 2000

Orlando, Florida

(407) 281-7396

<http://www.fcep.org/cc2000ad.htm>

## Interesting WEB Sites

### **Florida Administrative Weekly**

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/FAW/issues.shtml>

### **Critical Thinking Community**

<http://www.criticalthinking.org>

### **Toastmasters International**

<http://www.toastmasters.org>



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