

Oklahoma Ambulance 2012 Fall Conference



Wednesday, October 24, 2012

The Oklahoma Ambulance Association will hold its Fall Conference on Wednesday, October 24h, at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City.

This year's speakers will include Dale Adkerson with the State of Oklahoma, Lisa Gifford from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Ron Thackery, with American Medical Response and Angie Lehman, with EMSA.

The host site for the OKAMA conference is the Oklahoma History Center, Chesapeake Room. The center houses the history museum of the State of Oklahoma, and is located across the street from the Governor's mansion. The museum opened in 2005 and is operated by the Oklahoma Historical Society.

It preserves the history of Oklahoma from prehistoric Native American tribes to the present day. Participants are encouraged to make reservations at one of the many hotels around the capital. Hotel choices can be found at the following web sites.

<http://www.expedia.com/Oklahoma-State-Capitol-Hotels.0-16080681-0.Travel-Guide-Filter-Hotels>

<http://www.expedia.com/Downtown-Oklahoma-City-Bricktown-Oklahoma-City-Hotels.0-n6058654-0.Travel-Guide-Filter-Hotels>

Participants may register for the conference by filling out the Participant Registration Form located in this packet or on the website, www.okama.org Corporate members may register by filling out the Vendor Registration form

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Oklahoma History Center Map and Driving Directions



GPS Coordinates—Latitude: 35.493201, Longitude: -97.496695

From Tulsa

Take I-44 West to I-35. Head South on I-35. Exit on NE 23rd Street. Proceed West past N. Kelley 1/4 mile. The entrance is on the North (right) of NE 23rd Street.

From Norman

Take I-35 North to the I-40 & I-35 junction. Continue North on I-235 to NE 23rd exit. Head East (right) on NE 23rd Street. Pass Lincoln Blvd, the entrance is North (left) on NE 23rd Street.

From Guthrie

Take I-35 South. Exit on NE 23rd Street. Proceed West past N. Kelley 1/4 mile. The entrance is North (right) of NE 23rd Street.

From El Reno

Take I-40 West to I-35. Head North on I-235 to NE 23rd Street exit. Head East (right) on NE 23rd Street. Pass Lincoln Blvd, the entrance is North (left) of NE 23rd Street.

From Shawnee

Take I-40 West to I-35. Head North on I-235 to NE 23rd Street exit. Proceed West past N. Kelley 1/4 mile. The entrance is North (right) of NE 23rd Street.

Oklahoma History Center
800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

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Speaker and Subject Information

State of the State Address

Dale Adkerson, Emergency Medical Services Director, State of Oklahoma

Dale will be speaking on a number of current issues that face EMS providers across the state. The state protocols and recent legislative/regulatory issues will be discussed and questions and answers from the group will be encouraged.

Dale became the Director in 2010 and has worked for the Health Department since 2002, serving in the capacity of Education and RTAB Coordinator. Prior to his work with the State Dale worked for Greer County and Alva Ambulance Services.

Medicaid Claims Process

Lisa Gifford, Financial Resources Director, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Oklahoma's Medicaid Agency.

Lisa Gifford has been working with members of the OKAMA Board of Directors over the past several months to craft measures to improve the Medicaid claims process. In this presentation Lisa will report on the progress that has occurred thus far and will field concerns and questions from the OKAMA membership

Ms. Gifford has been working for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority since 1999. At the Authority, Ms. Gifford has held several positions including contracting, Provider Enrollment Manager and most recently the Financial Resources Director, which involves TPL, adjustments and claims resolutions. While working at the Authority, Ms. Gifford has been very successful in collecting money for the Agency and has successfully gotten legislation passed that has been beneficial to the State's collection abilities. She is a graduate from Oklahoma City University School of Law, after graduating she began practicing law with a commercial litigation firm in Oklahoma City. Ms. Gifford had an extensive trial practice including state, federal and tribal courts throughout the state of Oklahoma and surrounding areas.

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Risk Factors in Our Industry, Keeping Our People Safe

Ron Thackery, President, Safety & Risk, American Medical Response

NFPA committees have written numerous standards for the fire service, but now an NFPA technical committee has been working on the new *ambulance* standard since 2009 for a planned release no later than 2013. Ron will discuss these standards and their potential impact on EMS, both private and public, including the development of Model Regulations for states to use for ambulance design. Ron will also discuss unsafe operational practices and their impact on EMS operations. Ron will bring his experience in leading Safety and Risk programs for this country's largest ambulance service; providing insight and education in the development, implementation, and measurement of your own internal risk reduction program.

Mr. Thackery currently provides leadership for AMR's Professional Services departments. Mr. Thackery has led the organization in a reduction of losses by \$7 million through the development of loss prevention programs. He has developed comprehensive risk allocation strategies for operational accountability for losses, and has implemented AMR's current Claims Administration processes; monitoring these processes on an ongoing basis.

Coding and the Future of ICD-10 Codes

Angela Lehman, RHIA, Vice President of Financial Services, EMSA

ICD -10 Codes are set to replace the use of the ICD-9-CM code sets used by medical coders and billers to report health care diagnoses and procedures. The ICD-10 implementation will radically change the way coding is currently done and will require a significant effort to implement. This session will provide some guidance and training surrounding this complex change.

Angela Lehman was named vice president of financial services in 2010. She oversees the patient financial services staff and is responsible for leadership, administration and financial oversight to all of EMSA's billing operations. For the last six years, she served as the director of health information and patient access for the Oklahoma Heart Hospital North and South in Oklahoma City. Lehman has extensive experience in working with government and private payor sources, electronic health records and quality improvement projects.

OKAMA Fall 2012 Participant Registration

Please mail the conference registration to:

Oklahoma Ambulance Association
2504 W. Owen K. Garriott #302
Enid, OK 73703

FAX to:

or 1-866-464-7799

Payments made after October 15, 2012 please make at the registration desk the morning of the conference.

Please Print

Organization _____

Address _____

1. Attendee Name and Title _____

2. Attendee Name and Title _____

3. Attendee Name and Title _____

4. Attendee Name and Title _____

Registration Fees:

First OKAMA Member/agency is free*

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Additional persons, \$25 each

Non-Member \$100 1st person

Non-member additional persons, \$50 ea

TOTAL DUE

(Members who pay \$2,500 in dues—all participants are free)

Vendor OKAMA Fall 2012 Registration

Please fill out this form and **fax** to 1-866-464-7799
Mail your check to:

OKAMA
2504 W Owen Garriott #302
Enid, OK 73703

Company _____

Contact _____

Representative attending _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Special Information: _____

We would like to sponsor:

- () Lunch \$500
- () Morning break \$250
- () Afternoon break \$250

Please contact Ann Athey for further information aathey0070@aol.com or
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