



ANNUAL EMS DAY TRAINING EVENT

On Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8, Sioux County Emergency Management presented its annual training opportunity at EMS Day. This training included 16 hours to over 70 firefighters and EMS responders from Sioux County.

The two-day event, held at the Dordt University Ag Stewardship Center, taught skills to Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's), paramedics and fire personnel that presented scenarios that challenged them to work together. The scenarios and situations included assessing and working on vehicles with extrication tools and safely removing occupants while patient care was being provided in difficult situations.

Thanks to a donation from Perdue Premium Meat Company of Sioux Center, IA, students also had the opportunity to work with pig tracheas and lungs; this simulated how airway management and different treatments could impact patients in real-life situations.

Sioux County EMA Director Nate Huizenga said, "The day would not have been successful without generous donations from community partners. Thanks to Dordt University, Perdue Premium Meat Company and Alex Air Apparatus for your generosity in collaborating with us to benefit public safety in Sioux County. I would like to thank Jason Dush, John Hansen, Lucas Goodin, and Lori Sells; they were the training team that developed the courses and instructed over the two days."

