



On Saturday, February 10, the Sioux County EMS Association and Sioux County Emergency Management hosted their annual EMS Day in Orange City, IA.

The annual training conference drew over 60 EMS personnel from Iowa that included responders from Sioux Woodbury, Plymouth, Lyon, Osceola and O'Brien Counties. Speakers from Colorado, Texas, Missouri and Iowa provided training at the conference.

This is the first year that the conference offered a 'skills lab' where EMS providers were able to participate in hands-on training covering a wide range of topics that included medical and trauma injuries. Attendees were able to put their skills training to the test with instructors from Texas and Missouri who have trained EMS responders throughout the country.

Attendees also had the opportunity to gain four additional hours of training that dealt with discussion on topics that covered reviewing signs and symptoms of patients, documenting legal aspects of their jobs, pediatric trauma and learning how to train the public to assist injured people who are experiencing severe blood loss.

Sioux County Emergency Management Director Nate Huizenga said, "I appreciate the time and effort our volunteer EMT's give to the communities. Providing quality training that is close to home is one small way that we can thank our responders while equipping them with skills they need without traveling very far. I also thank the EMS Day Committee who helped plan the event as well as the Orange City Area Health System and the Prairie Winds Event Center for the use of their facilities."

