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### *Wisconsin EMS Association announces Jennifer Smith as a new member of the Board of Directors*

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Wind Lake, WI— The Wisconsin EMS Association announces the election of Jennifer Smith as a new member of its Board of Director. She will serve a three year term from 2017-2020.

Jennifer Smith is the Education Coordinator for Regions Hospital Emergency Medical Services in St. Paul Minnesota. Here she has responsibility for the production and delivery of high quality EMS continuing education. In the classroom, she is known for making learning interesting; if not quirky and having a knack for helping students make connections which lead to long term retention. She also teaches at both of her local technical colleges; WITC and CVTC. She currently works clinically at St. Croix EMS in Hudson, Wisconsin as an AEMT.

She started out pursuing a career in Elementary Education, but found her passion in EMS. She is currently writing her BA Capstone at Metropolitan State University in Adult Training and Development. Along with this, she is in the Paramedic program at Inver Hills Community College in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

She is active in advocating for EMS in the legislative arena. Over the past years, she has attended the Wisconsin EMS Advisory Board and was recently appointed to the Training and Education Sub Committee. A particular concern for Jennifer is addressing the shortages faced by rural EMS ambulance services in the area of staffing and accessing quality education.

She currently serves as Regional Faculty and on the Emergency Cardiovascular Care Committee for the American Heart Association. Her interest in Pre Hospital resuscitation began while working on the ResQ CPR study from 2006-2009. While attending the quarterly Technical College EMS Advisory Board meetings, she is serving in her second term as secretary.

She has had a strong interest in health and wellness; teaching fitness at the YMCA and CPR to numerous public and professional groups. If you were to meet her on the street, she would offer to teach you Compression Only CPR right there, having a manikin with her at most times. In the last year, she has taught over 200 lay people CPR and helped the 3M Corporation develop a “train the trainer” program which reached over 1300 employees at the Maplewood, MN campus.

Jennifer lives in Hudson, Wisconsin. She loves to spend her free time outdoors and with her family.

For more information about Wisconsin EMS Association call 414-431-8193 or visit [www.wisconsinems.com](http://www.wisconsinems.com)

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