

## *Patient Care Responsibilities.*

The cadets will actively participate in patient care. This participation is dependant on their comfort level and that of the ambulance teams. In order to assure quality patient care the cadet must maintain a very high level of professionalism at all times. Acting like a “**goof off**” while on call may result in the cadet being asked to leave the program.

Furthermore, we have a strict “NO TOLERANCE” Policy as to the use of tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs. Failure to comply with this policy will result in IMMEDIATE dismissal from the program.

The cadets are viewed as “junior” ambassadors of the ambulance service and are required to act in a prudent manner.

A major part of patient care is patient confidentiality, addressed by the “*Privacy Act of 1974*”. The cadets **MUST** keep all patient identification and history a secret. Failure to adhere to this rule **WILL** result in immediate dismissal from the program.

Due to safety issues there are some ambulance calls that are “**Off Limits**” to the cadets:

*Crime Scenes*

*Sexual & Domestic Assaults*

*Hazardous Material Spills*

*ANY Dangerous Scenes*

## **Spearfish Ambulance Volunteer Explorers**

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# SAVE PROGRAM



## ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Spearfish Ambulance Volunteer Explorers began in 1994. Our goal is to orient students to the medical career fields with an emphasis on Emergency Medicine. Many students want to pursue a career in medicine without having seen what the job is like or what is available. This program shows the students a variety of fields and how they work. Secondly, we show people the importance of community service. Third, we work on the concepts of dealing with people and how to accept their strengths and weaknesses. These people skills will benefit the students throughout life. Finally, we promote critical thinking skills, as an important step in learning about unusual situations, others and themselves. Our goal is to enhance the students "Team Building Skills" and a clean life style to help them in the job market.

# TRAINING

The SAVE Program centers on pre-hospital patient care. In order to treat different injuries and illnesses, the cadet must know how the body functions and the treatment methods to apply. This requires extensive training and practice in order to become proficient in all areas of patient care skills. We provide an abundant amount of training in order to help the cadets learn what medicine is about.

Training is scheduled for every Monday and Wednesday night from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the summer. During the school year we will meet once a week. Ride time will begin about mid July.



## THE SAVE PROGRAM AND SCHOOL

### ***School and Grades are #1.***

If the student's grades fall below a 2.5 GPA, the cadet will be asked to take a "Time Out" from the program. We believe that their High School education comes first.

**NO cadet shall be allowed to pull call during school hours.**

This program is designed to augment the students High School education, NOT replace it.