Thank you for your interest in our service. Please read this page before completing an application.

Q: What is the commitment?
A: Nine (9) events averaged over a three (3) month period [March-May, June-August, September-November, December-February] (or a total of 40 hours per quarter) and attendance of at least two monthly meeting per quarter. Events are typically four (4) hours long. The monthly team meeting is the 2nd Sunday of every month at 1900 hrs. at The Department of Emergency Management/UMEMS, or via Zoom.

Q: What happens after I submit this application?
A: Your application will be reviewed. If it is accepted you will be sent information about our interview process. Once you have successfully completed an interview, we will send you a formal acceptance or rejection letter. Those accepted must complete an orientation session before working events.

Q: Does UMEMS respond to 911 calls?
A: UMEMS primarily provides event stand-by EMS. We normally cover nearly every sporting event on campus as well as other large events (Spring Jam, concerts, etc.). We do transport at the BLS level. UMEMS is a part of the Metropolitan EMS region. As such, we have assisted in disaster response within the metro area and potentially within the state.

Q: What benefits do volunteers get?
A: Besides meeting new people and having an opportunity to make a difference through direct patient care, the University of Minnesota and the State of Minnesota provides: partial reimbursement of your EMT Initial class tuition after 1-year of active volunteering, free continuing education and training including EMT refreshers, meal vouchers for most events, limited parking reimbursement, and other benefits. As a volunteer member, you receive annual volunteer credit by the State of Minnesota. If you complete a total of 5 years of volunteer ambulance work (UMEMS or elsewhere), resign and are over age 50, you will receive (as of 2020) approximately $447 per year of service. https://mn.gov/emsrb/ambulanceservices/cooper-sams-volunteer-ambulance-award-program.jsp.

Q: Are all members volunteers?
A: Nearly all of our EMTs are volunteers. We have a full-time UMEMS Team Manager, 4 part-time paid Field Training Officers (FTOs) and a paid Student Employee (Field Training Coordinator/FTC). Paid staff provide assistance both to UMEMS operations and education, as

well as assisting the Department of Emergency Management with other duties (such as AED program management).

Q: I'm not a certified EMT but would like to volunteer.

A: Unfortunately, we can only accept volunteer applications from those who are currently certified as an Emergency Medical Technician or higher, or who have completed education and testing and are awaiting results. Those with pending certification may not start orientation if their certification is not current. *Note:* Nurses and other providers must also have EMT certification to volunteer for UMEMS.

If you are interested in completing an EMT course, there are a few options local to the Twin Cities:

- UMEMS: https://umems.umn.edu/emergency-medical-courses
- Century College: https://www.century.edu/programs/emergency-medical-technician
- Inver Hills Community College: https://www.inverhills.edu/degreesandprograms/ems/
- Hennepin Technical College: https://www.hennepintech.edu/academic-programs/emergency-and-public-service/emergency-medical-services/index.html
- M Health-Fairview Transportation: https://www.mhealth.org/sitecore/content/fairview/home/services/medical-transportation/ems-academy
- You can also check the EMS Regulatory Board for statewide course opportunities: https://mn.gov/emsrb/educational/courses/