

North Carolina Association of Rescue & EMS
Fifty-second Annual Convention
Hickory Metro Convention Center
June 19 – 21, 2008
Hickory, North Carolina

**IMPORTANT TIME DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE RESPOND BY MAY 23, 2008!**

Make your plans now to exhibit at the 52nd Annual Convention of the North Carolina Association of Rescue & EMS. The convention will be held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center in Hickory, North Carolina.

There is the potential to have nearly 1000 buyers visit the show over a two day period. Exhibits will all be held in the Hickory Metro Convention Center including vehicles in the exhibit hall where convention participants will be for all the convention activities. **The exhibit space will be issued on a first come, first served basis.** The exhibit hall space has not increased in price since the 2001 convention, and space is available for over 50 vendors.

As an added bonus, register early and receive a complementary link form the CCARS convention website and the NCAREMS website directly to your web site at no additional charge. This link will be in effect from the time payment is received until at least 30 days after the convention; this is up to a year of free advertising! We want to encourage you to take advantage of this special offer. Many exhibitors have taken advantage of this service in years past and have received great results!

Complete your contract and send it in with full payment to reserve your space. Vehicles will be limited to two spaces per company since many vendors bring vehicles.

Exhibits will be set up on Thursday, June 19, 2008 beginning at 12:00 noon. Some vehicles will be asked to come early beginning at 10:00 am to allow for positioning. **THERE WILL BE NO EARLY MOVE IN ALLOWED.** The show will run through 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 21, 2008. No vehicles will be allowed into the Convention Center for move in or move out once the Exhibit Hall is opened until it closes at 2:00 pm.

If you have questions or require further information, check out the website www.ccars-convention.org or call Eric Jones at (828) 446 – 2438 ejones@newtonnc.gov or Phillip Killian at (828) 234 – 2203 ptakilli@bellsouth.net . We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Eric Jones Phillip Killian
Vendor Chairman Convention Chairman

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONVENTION DATES: Thursday, June 19 – Saturday, June 21, 2008

PLACE: Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, North Carolina

COST: \$250.00 for a 10' x 10' Standard Booth Space, second booth space is \$200.00 and third booth space is \$100.00. \$450.00 for a 10' x 35' Large Crash Truck size space, \$350.00 for a 10' x 25' AMBULANCE size space, and \$300.00 for a 10' x 20' Suburban/Boat size space. Price includes (1) draped table, (2) chairs, and a one-line booth sign. Additional display tables/ sets may be an added amount if they extend out of the booth space area purchased. Registration for two (2) exhibit vendor personnel is included in the cost of the booth.

SECURITY: The Exhibit Hall will be secured each evening with Security Personnel in the building overnight.

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT: Extra tables and chairs will be available for a fee. Carpet and other items may be purchased and arranged from contacting Blue Ribbon Show Services or Hickory Metro Convention Center. Exhibitor kits, including order forms for additional equipment is enclosed with this packet.

UTILITIES: Please reference the enclosed information packet from HMCC for electrical, phone or internet hookup cost. Checks for electricity, phone, and internet services should be made directly to Hickory Metro Convention Center. Electricity will not be connected until prepayment is received.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: The booth fee includes registration for two people to attend sessions and Convention activities including Dances and Award Presentation. Additional convention registration fee is \$20.00 per person before May 1, 2008 and \$30.00 per person after May 1, 2008 for other people to attend convention activities. Please provide printed names in the appropriate space on the enclosed contract. Convention registration forms available at website.

DEADLINE: Return **ALL** materials by **May 23, 2008**

CONFIRMATION: Written confirmation of your **Booth** assignment will be mailed to you in the vendor packet after receipt of your contract and full payment. Your Company's name and website information will then be added to the CCARS and NCAREMS websites

RESERVATIONS: Please see the enclosed information for Hotel reservations at any of the hotels on the list. **Be sure to ask for the NCAREMS Convention rates!**

BOOTH PAYMENT: Checks for booth space and registrations should be made payable to:
Catawba County Association of Rescue Squads.

CONTACTS: Eric Jones, CCARS Vendor Chairman, Phone (828) 695 – 4344
CCARS, P. O. Box 445, Catawba, NC 28609 email ejones@newtonnc.gov
Phillip Killian, CCARS Convention Chairman, Phone (828) 234 – 2203
CCARS, P. O. Box 445, Catawba, NC 28609 email ptakilli@bellsouth.net
Convention website www.ccars-convention.org

A COPY OF THE EXHIBIT CONTRACT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU WITH YOUR CONFIRMATION

Please return signed contract and check (make payable to):
Catawba County Association of Rescue Squads, Inc. P. O. Box 445, Catawba, NC 28609