

EMS symposium to be Nov. 14 and 15

The Eleventh Annual Emergency Medical Services Symposium is scheduled for Nov. 14 and 15 at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel.

The symposium is sponsored by the EMS Section in the Department of Health and Social Services, with the assistance of the Southern Region EMS Council in Anchorage.

The main symposium activities will be preceded by three special workshops Thursday. These workshops will include presentations from both national and local experts.

"Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials," moderated by Van Quinn of the Anchorage Fire Department will address the role of EMS in such emergencies; "Pediatric Emergencies," moderated by Dr. John Hanley of Anchorage will address the special treatment needs of children; and "Child Abuse Issues" will address the role of EMS personnel in the recognition, reporting and treatment of this growing problem.

The formal opening of symposium

'86 on Friday will include remarks on the theme, "Injury in Alaska: A Continuing Public Health Problem" from Dr. John Middaugh, state epidemiologist; Dr. Robert McKnight of UAA, School of Health Sciences; and Dr. John Hall of Providance Hospital, state EMS medical director.

On Friday and Saturday, the Symposium will offer concurrent workshops and classes to be presented in special tracks, designated to provide attendees with educational opportunities at all levels of emergency medical skills and training.

A special Symposium '86 event will be the Annual All-Alaska EMT Skills Competition in which teams of EMTs provide care to simulated patients while being evaluated for speed and accuracy of treatment.

This highlight of the annual statewide symposium will be held Saturday afternoon, with teams from around the state vying for trophies and cash awards.