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School board member authors textbook for Emergency Medical Responders

FOREST LAKE, MINN. – Forest Lake Area School Board member Joe Grafft and his wife, Kathy, have written a textbook titled “Essentials for the Emergency Medical Responder,” which has been published by Delmar / Cengage Learning.

An international edition of the book has been published as well and will be sold around the world as a guide to teaching and training Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs). The EMR is the basic Emergency Medical Services (EMS) certification training for law enforcement, fire personnel, industrial emergency response teams, athletic trainers as well as the general public.

Joe Grafft has also authored another related publication entitled “EMS for Secured Facilities.”

Grafft has been a school board member in Forest Lake since 2000 and has more than 45 years of experience in Emergency Medical Services as a professional provider, educator, volunteer and nationally-recognized leader. Kathy Grafft is a registered nurse and she has worked in the healthcare industry almost 40 years. She presently works for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU) system as a Registered Nurse educator for North Hennepin Community College, and she works in same-day surgery at the Fairview Lakes Medical Center and also in oncology / infusion at Woodwinds Hospital.

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Both Joe and Kathy Grafft continue to teach EMS for their training company, Customized Safety Training, LLC.

“We are very thankful to the Linwood Fire Department and the STEP program at Forest Lake Area Schools for their assistance in the creation of this book,” Joe Grafft said.

“Without their help, this work could not have been accomplished.”

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