



**Michael J. Hunter, EMT-P
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Michael J. Hunter, a veteran of EMS for more than 27 years, serves as Deputy Chief of EMS for Worcester EMS at UMass Memorial Health Care (UMMHC) University Campus in Worcester, Mass., where he has worked for more than 17 years. He began there as a staff paramedic and worked his way up through the ranks to EMS captain and then into his current position.

Worcester EMS (WEMS) is a hospital-based transport system and a division of UMMHC, the region's largest employer and a STEMI Center, Stroke Center and the region's only Level 1 Trauma Center. Worcester EMS is a paramedic-only system, one of the state's few RSI services and the 911 EMS provider to the city of Worcester and neighboring town of Shrewsbury. In addition to his duties at Worcester EMS, Hunter continues to provide direct patient care while working for Spencer Rescue, in Spencer, Mass.

Hunter began his career as an on-call firefighter and emergency medical technician. He graduated from The Vermont Paramedic Training Program in 1984 and has spent most of his paramedic career in hospital-based EMS programs. For the first eight years of his career, he worked on an ALS intercept vehicle, based out of a community hospital, serving 10 suburban towns.

He has served on the Massachusetts Committee of Trauma's Trauma Registry Sub-Committee and is an active member of the UMMHC Emergency Medicine/Trauma Committee. He was a co-investigator in UMMHC's involvement in the EMS TIPI-IS project, and the WEMS lead role in UMMHC's Field to Cardiac Cath Lab STEMI Project. He is active in regional disaster planning and also is a founding member of the WEMS Honor Guard. Hunter has long been a member of NAEMT and has been active in PHTLS since the late 1980s.

In addition to his involvement on the PHTLS Executive Council, Hunter is the Massachusetts PHTLS State Coordinator and an active member of the PHTLS International Faculty. He also is a member of the National Association of EMS Physicians.