



Sean Britton

Statement of Candidacy

Region I Director

I am Sean J. Britton and respectfully seek your vote to continue to serve as an NAEMT Region I Director. I am seeking to continue my service on the NAEMT Board in order to participate in NAEMT's efforts to improve emergency medical services for both our patients and our fellow practitioners.

EMS operates at the crossroads between health care, public health and public safety. I have been fortunate in my career to have worked within each of these fields. I have worked as a full-time EMS practitioner, a coordinator within a hospital trauma program, and a public health administrator. I am currently an Emergency Preparedness Planner, a Paramedic, and an EMS educator.

I am an active member within the association and accomplished the following within my current term as a Region I Director:

- Served as Vice-Chair of the EMS Preparedness Committee
- Co-author of the All Hazards Disaster Response (AHDR) course
- Participated in developing the 2016 National Survey on EMS Mental Health Services
- Participated in developing the the 2017 National Survey on EMS Preparedness for Disaster and Mass Casualty Incident Response
- Participated in developing the Discrimination in EMS (8/2016) position statement
- Participated in developing the Ambulance Strike Teams (4/2017) position statement
- Participated in developing the EMS Culture of Personal Resilience and Wellbeing (7/2017) position statement

I received the NAEMT Presidential Leadership Award at the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting, for contributions to the All Hazards Disaster Response (AHDR) course and the EMS Workforce Committee.

EMS continues to evolve as a profession. What was once an industry of emergency response and inter-facility transfer is expanding into preventive care and population health. I think my knowledge and experience in public health will provide value to the leadership of NAEMT as the association continues to pursue innovation within this domain.

Our 2016 National Survey on EMS Mental Health Services shows there are many practitioners within our industry who do not have access to the resources they need to maintain a state of positive mental health. NAEMT needs to continue to identify and promulgate resources to benefit our fellow practitioners. The association should also support research which improves practitioner resilience, so crises can be mitigated rather than responded to.

Our 2017 National Survey on EMS Preparedness for Disaster and Mass Casualty Incident Response demonstrates there is still much work needed to be done to prepare our practitioners to respond to large-scale and complex incidents. NAEMT should continue to develop training and resources to support response to these events. The association should also continue to advocate for EMS to be included within federal preparedness funding opportunities.

I have a true passion for emergency medical services and the work of NAEMT. I would like to continue my service as a Region I Director and ask for your vote in order to make this possible. I would be honored if the membership chose for me to continue in this role. I thank you for your consideration and welcome any questions you may have!