



D. Troy Tuke Statement of Candidacy

Region IV Director

Each day, in every city or town in our great country, thousands of people call 911 for a medical emergency with the expectation that a qualified EMS provider will arrive in a short amount of time, provide lifesaving interventions and then deliver the patient to definitive care. Regardless of whether the EMS provider is from a public, private, career or volunteer agency, each do their very best to care for those who need their help. Many do so with extremely limited resources. I have had the distinct privilege of belonging to this great group of professionals for the past 30 years. I have been fortunate in my career

in EMS to work as an EMS RN and Nationally Registered Paramedic in both the public and private sectors. Those opportunities began for me as a volunteer EMT starting my college education to my current position as Assistant Fire Chief-EMS.

The NAEMT is the collective voice for all of those who choose to make EMS their chosen profession. The mission of this organization is to represent and serve all EMS practitioners through advocacy, education, and research. Simply put, the NAEMT takes care of those who take care of others. I have been actively working with the NAEMT for the past 6 years. I currently serve as the NAEMT Board Region IV Director and Nevada State Advocacy Coordinator. I am a current member of the NAEMT Advocacy and Membership committees. It is truly a great opportunity and honor to represent our collective interests at the state and national level.

The key challenge and opportunity facing the NAEMT and EMS is the integration of EMS into the entire health care system. Opportunities exist for EMS systems to develop relationships with other components of the health care system, while maintaining a commitment to public safety services and first response. Changes to our health care system and implementation of new ideas like Community Paramedicine, are beginning to impact the delivery of EMS as we move into the future. EMS has and will continue to raise the standards for community health care by implementing innovative techniques and systems to deliver the emergency care that is needed by the entire population. It will be important to have experienced providers in key positions, with opportunities to ensure that policy makers and politicians at all levels of government understand what EMS is, how it is done, and more importantly who does it.

I respectfully request your vote to continue working as your Region IV Director of NAEMT to advance the following goals for our profession:

- Foster and create better relationships between all EMS provider agencies. There is strength in cooperation and learning from one another.
- Continue the development of improved educational opportunities and more secure funding for all EMS providers. This will ensure that the standard of care continues to improve and is more consistent.
- Increase membership and active participation in the NAEMT. This will in turn increase collaboration and exchange of ideas and experiences between all providers of EMS.

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