

EMS Makes a Difference: Join the EMS Caucus

Support the Promotion of Federal Policy Issues Supporting EMS

EMS Makes a Difference for Millions of Americans, Yet Needs Greater Federal Support:

- EMS provides services for a wide range of emergency medical conditions (including trauma, stroke and cardiac) from answering 9-1-1 calls, first response, field medical response, medical transport, hospital treatment and rehabilitation.
- EMS saves lives and is a unique and critical part of the healthcare delivery system. EMS is a public benefit provided by both governmental and non-governmental providers that citizens assume will always be there to serve them.
- EMS providers and practitioners in the "field" conduct nearly 25 million transports for more than 8% of the US population per year, predominantly by ground but also by air, to hospitals and trauma centers as part of the emergency and trauma care continuum.
- Multiple authorities including the IOM, NHTSA, FICEMS, and NEMSAC have described the difference that EMS makes for patients. The IOM has noted major challenges facing the EMS and trauma care systems, including with regard to preparedness and response, evidence based care, quality, coordination and accessibility of emergency medical and trauma care and transport, particularly in rural areas.
- Despite the growing body of evidence documenting the value of emergency medical care in improved patient outcomes and/or cost-effectiveness for heart, stroke, and respiratory emergencies, as well as pediatric and trauma care, EMS and trauma care remains significantly underfunded and are severely challenged to best serve patients.

Please Join the Congressional EMS Caucus:

- EMS providers throughout the country face a broad array of federal policy issues that span across a number of committee jurisdictions in the Congress.
- A robust Congressional EMS Caucus will bring a more disciplined focus on these issues and provide a more collective and cohesive bipartisan message on EMS issues to support EMS and trauma care providers nation wide.
- The Congressional EMS Caucus will help promote, educate, and increase awareness among decision-makers on the federal policy issues affecting EMS and trauma providers.
- Congressional support for emergency medical and trauma care at the federal level is needed now more than ever.
- Please contact Aly Lubov (Aly.Lubov@mail.house.gov) with Representative Tim Walz (D-MN) to help promote emergency medical services and the life-saving care they deliver to all patients with emergency medical conditions.

Current EMS Caucus Member:

Thank these House Representatives for supporting EMS and being a part of the EMS Caucus.

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