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EMS Professionals Appeal to Congress To Advance Patient Care and EMS Preparedness

Clinton, Miss. – Hundreds of emergency and mobile healthcare professionals will assemble this month on Capitol Hill to educate Congress on their challenges in providing quality patient care to their communities, and in obtaining needed resources to prepare for public health emergencies and other mass casualty incidents.

EMS On The Hill Day – April 29, Washington, D.C.

Now in its sixth year, EMS On The Hill Day will bring delegates from more than 40 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to discuss the essential role of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in our nation's changing healthcare system. EMS is uniquely positioned to support the transformation of healthcare to improve value, outcomes, patient experience, and the health of populations, as well as reduce the per capita cost of healthcare. EMS provides highly reliable patient assessment and intervention at any hour of any day in response to urgent or unscheduled episodes of illness or injury. EMS helps contain healthcare costs by navigating patients down medically appropriate and cost-effective pathways.

EMS On The Hill Day is hosted by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), supported by national and state EMS organizations, and draws a diverse EMS representation including practitioners, managers, educators and physicians. It enables EMS professionals to meet face-to-face with federal legislators to discuss issues that impact their ability to respond to daily 911 calls or prepare for the increased threats to our nation. "All EMS professionals have a responsibility to educate our elected leaders on what we need to advance our profession on behalf of the patients we serve," said NAEMT President Conrad T. "Chuck" Kearns. "EMS On The Hill Day provides an opportunity for members of our profession to personally share their perspectives with their members of Congress."

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This year's Hill Day will be held in conjunction with a special Mobile Integrated Healthcare Summit on April 28. The Summit will explore new collaborative models of out-of-hospital care that save money and improve the health of communities.

For more information on EMS On The Hill Day, the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Summit, or to view resources for EMS advocacy, visit www.naemt.org. Connect with NAEMT on Facebook and Twitter to follow the chatter about #EMSHD and #MIHSummit.

About NAEMT

Formed in 1975 and more than 50,000 members strong, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) is the only national association representing the professional interests of all emergency and mobile healthcare practitioners, including emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, paramedics, advanced practice paramedics, critical care paramedics, flight paramedics, community paramedics, and mobile integrated healthcare practitioners. NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military.

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