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2015 Field EMS Bill Award Recipients Announced

Clinton, Miss. – NAEMT announced the 2015 recipients of the Field EMS Bill Advocate of the Year Award, a national award to recognize the outstanding volunteer efforts of EMS professionals in advocating for passage of this landmark legislation. The *Field EMS Modernization and Innovation Act* would help modernize our nation's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to provide innovative, patient-centered care that is efficiently integrated within our nation's healthcare system.

Three nominees were selected to receive the award, which will be formally presented at the [EMS On The Hill Day](#) Briefing on April 28, in Washington, D.C. This year's recipients are:

Ritu Sahni, M.D. (Oregon)

Dr. Sahni has been a driving force in initiating and promoting support for the Field EMS Bill, from publishing articles to building consensus among EMS physician groups. He joined forces with the Oregon EMS Association to obtain five U.S. House co-sponsors, four from Oregon and one from California.

Tim Dienst, MPA, NRP (Colorado)

Dienst was instrumental in obtaining the support of Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO), sponsor of the Senate bill. He has been committed to engaging and educating EMS practitioners and congressional representatives in his home state of Colorado.

Keith Douglas, EMT-P (Tennessee)

Douglas has led the Tennessee delegation, often the largest constituent group attending EMS On The Hill Day since the first event in 2010. As the NAEMT Advocacy Coordinator for Tennessee, Douglas has dedicated himself to raising awareness of the Field EMS Bill in his state.

In addition to the award, recipients receive their expenses paid to the EMS On The Hill Day event. NAEMT congratulates and thanks the recipients for their determined support of the Field EMS Bill! The Field EMS Bill was introduced in the U.S. House and Senate during the 113th Congress, and is anticipated in the 114th Congress. Learn more about the Field EMS Bill [here](#).

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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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