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Make National EMS Week 2011 your EMS week

To help our members actively engage in this year's National EMS Week, May 15-21, 2011, NAEMT is working with EMS World on a new EMS Week Ideas web site to help EMS practitioners explore new ways to celebrate and support their profession.

EMS Week is an ideal time to find out what more you can do within EMS. The site will present ideas for engaging in the full spectrum of EMS activities. Learn how to advance your EMS career, stay safe on the job, become an advocate for EMS, increase public awareness, and recognize and support our profession's heroes and history. Additional resources will be included on each page to help you consider new activities in which you might be interested, and assist you in getting started.

"We are very excited about this project, which will provide a wealth of resources for individual EMS practitioners to improve their career development, advocate for EMS at a local and national level, and help educate and inform the community about the role of EMS and injury prevention best practices," said Scott Cravens, Publisher, EMS World.

NAEMT President Connie Meyer urges members to get involved, stating, "Take advantage of the EMS Week Ideas web site to find out more about what you can do in the EMS profession and to share the best of EMS with your community."

The site will launch later this month. All members will receive an e-mail announcing the launch with a link to the new site.

The history of EMS Week

The U.S. Congress authorized the Emergency Medical Services Systems (EMSS) Act of 1973.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford signed this bill and appointed David R. Boyd as the Director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services Systems (DEMSS), Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Boyd convinced President Ford to proclaim "Emergency Medical Services Week" and to host a White House Conference on EMS.

Gerald Ford is the hero of the national EMS story, a true believer who supported EMS during difficult political, economic and budgetary times.



National EMS Week is a great time to get out into your community and increase awareness of EMS.

EMS Safety Course debuts

NAEMT'S NEW EMS SAFETY COURSE DEBUTED on March 1 at EMS Today in Baltimore.

The one-day course, taught by NAEMT's EMS Safety Program Committee faculty, helps promote a culture of EMS safety and aims to reduce the number and intensity of injuries incurred by EMS practitioners in carrying out their work.

The course increases students' awareness and understanding of EMS safety standards and practices and develop their ability to effectively implement these practices. It is designed for all EMS practitioners, other medical professionals providing prehospital patient care, EMS supervisors and administrators.

Taking safety to the streets

The EMS Safety course offers an overview of current issues surrounding safety in EMS, presents and discusses case studies, builds risk assessment and decision-making skills and provides an opportunity for participants to relate their own experiences with EMS safety issues.

Students who take EMS Safety learn to:

- Identify key elements in the safe operation of an ambulance.
- Describe techniques for moving and securing patients safely.
- Recognize situations where the EMS practitioner may be at risk of violence, and how such situations may be either avoided or addressed.
- Appreciate the importance of maintaining good personal health, and the impact of EMS service on practitioners' personal health.
- Address safety elements in a variety of operational situations.

Specifically, the EMS Safety course curriculum addresses crew resource management; emergency vehicle safety; responsibilities in scene operations; patient handling; patient, practitioner and bystander safety; and personal health.



Like other NAEMT continuing education courses, the EMS Safety course is CECBEMS accredited and meets NREMT recertification requirements.

Instructor qualifications to teach the course include successful completion of the EMS Safety provider course. Instructors who are certified to teach AMLS, PHTLS, EPC, ITLS, ACLS, PALS, PEPP, EVOC, Fire Instructor I, or are NAEMSE certified instructors, or current faculty teaching EMS

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NAEMT is leading the way

With more than 22 years of experience as a member of NAEMT, I've seen the association through lean times, hard times, and interesting times. Today, I can say that our association is stronger than ever – and is leading the way in EMS.

I am humbled and blessed to be serving as President of NAEMT, and I thank you, our members, for electing me. I have served our association in many positions: as President-Elect, Vice-President, Board Member, a member of the former Board of Governors and Secretary to the former Paramedic Division, and I have chaired numerous committees and served as representative to several national organizations. I understand NAEMT, I understand the national scope of EMS, and as one of you, I understand you, our members. In my new role, my focus continues to be to serve you.

I work full time as an EMS Captain for Johnson County (Kansas) Med-Act ambulance service. My primary job is taking care of patients in the back of the ambulance and training new paramedics. Over the years, I've seen great advances in both EMS and in NAEMT.

Founded by a group of EMS practitioners in 1975, NAEMT today is the only national professional association representing all EMS practitioners. It has transitioned to an organization that truly represents the EMS practitioner and encourages ownership from each member.

Leading the way in advocacy, education and membership

2010 marked NAEMT's 35th year of serving and representing the professional interests of our nation's EMS practitioners. As an association with a national scope, NAEMT leads the way in national EMS advocacy, continuing education programs and membership. In representing EMS practitioners, we identify projects and issues of importance and serve as a catalyst for change.

In May, we will be holding our second annual **EMS on the Hill**

Day event, which draws together EMS professionals from across the nation to advocate in Washington, D.C., for key EMS issues. I hope you'll be joining me in our nation's capital for this important event on May 3-4. We must continue to speak with a single voice before Congress on issues affecting EMS.

On a national level, we continue to build relationships

with our federal partners and other national EMS organizations. Along with our advocacy work, collaboration with other organizations and partners is key to achieving meaningful changes for our profession.

To help build and support our advocacy efforts on the state level, we are creating a national advocacy network through the appointment of a volunteer state advocacy coordinator within each state. See the article on page 19 for more details.

NAEMT's continuing education programs are growing and improving, with new materials introduced this year for all the courses, new online content for PHTLS, and the brand-new EMS Safety course debut. The safety of EMS practitioners – ourselves and our colleagues – is an issue that is close to my heart, and I feel that this much-needed course will help reduce the number of deaths and disabling injuries in our field. Read all about our courses starting on page 6.

Due to the hard work of our education committee members, course instructors and coordinators, NAEMT's education programs have earned a reputation for offering the very best in EMS continuing education.

As a dedicated membership association, NAEMT continues to support its members with benefits that really matter to you. We tailor our benefits based on membership surveys that indicate what is most important to you.

Recently, we sent members a voucher worth up to \$15 towards a NAEMT continuing education course, and we hope you are taking advantage of it to further your EMS education. We are working to better recognize our members, such as through the new membership certificate introduced by Immediate Past President Patrick Moore. We also are offering ways through which members can get more involved in our association – see the article on page 16.

As NAEMT continues to grow, I am excited that our association is leading the way and bringing about change for EMS on a national level. I am grateful to all of you for the opportunity to be involved in leading us forward.



Connie A. Meyer
President

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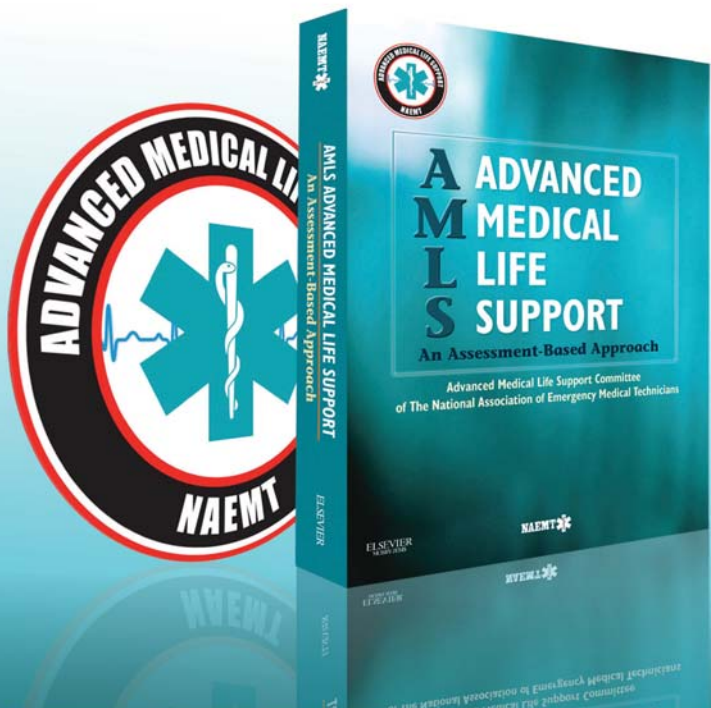
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Learn more about the updated AMLS course!

NAEMT's updated AMLS course features interactive and exciting additions to AMLS, including a newly designed AMLS assessment pathway, new book chapters, and new content, including Master Level scenarios and video scenario course components. All content is based on the new textbook and instructor resources.

Helping to save lives... one course at a time.

For a current listing of courses, please visit the Education section of www.naemt.org or call 1-800-34-NAEMT.



EMS Safety news: Program charts a new course

THE NEW EMS SAFETY COURSE DEBUTED on March 1 at EMS Today in Baltimore. The program's debut concludes the series of eight beta tests that the EMS Safety Program Committee conducted across the country in 2010.



The responses from the beta tests were incorporated into the course content. The result is a streamlined, interactive, comprehensive program that lives up to its motto of "Taking Safety to the Streets." It gives stu-

dents valuable information that they can take home and use to help create a "culture of safety" within their own agencies.

Now the committee's agenda moves forward from course development to implementation as committee members work to develop a cadre of instructors and enable agencies across the country to present the course to their personnel.

If you are already certified to teach AMLS, PHTLS, EPC, ITLS, ACLS, PALS, PEPP, EVOC or Fire Instructor I; or you are current faculty teaching EMS curriculum at an accredited college or university, you can become an instructor for this course simply by taking the EMS Safety provider course.

For additional information, please contact NAEMT at 1-800-34-NAEMT or info@naemt.org.

AMLs news: New textbook and instructor materials published

THE ADVANCED MEDICAL LIFE SUPPORT (AMLs) course has had an exciting year.

The new First Edition AMLS textbook and instructor materials are now available. The AMLS Committee worked diligently over the past two years to make this the best edition ever. The new textbook and course materials define an AMLS Assessment Pathway algorithm that allows increased standardization in the assessment process. Evidence-based medical assessment, management and disease process etiologies are utilized throughout the text, along with expanded content in many chapters.

Although improvements and changes have been made, critical components of AMLS remain the same, including the assessment-based philosophy and continued endorsement by the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP).

Lectures continue to be interactive, and scenario stations remain critical to learning. The committee looks forward to receiving feedback on the new course over the coming months.

To accommodate and support the ongoing growth of the AMLS program, changes have been made within the AMLS Committee.

Sarah Seiler, MSN, RN, EMT-P, CCRN, CEN, Region 1 coordinator from Mt. Holly, N.C., has been appointed to serve as the committee chair. Linda Abrahamson will continue to serve as a member of the committee and will lead the committee's work in the area of curriculum development.



The NAEMT Board of Directors thanks the 2010 AMLS Committee members, especially chair Linda Abrahamson, for their dedication and commitment to the creation of a new first edition of the Advanced Medical Life Support textbook and course materials.

The committee's hard work and devotion to the successful completion of this project is much appreciated.

Connie A. Meyer
President

EPC news: New instructor manual, medical director announced

THE EMERGENCY PEDIATRIC CARE (EPC) PROGRAM has added a new Associate Medical Director, **Doug Trocinski, M.D.**, of Raleigh, N.C.

Trocinski's professional background is primarily in education, with much experience in training emergency medicine residents. He completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at Naval Medical Center San Diego in 1997, and then a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at San Diego Children's Hospital and Health Center in 1999. While in the Navy, he was an attending emergency medicine physician at

both the Naval Medical Center, where he later served as the assistant/associate residency director from 1999-2001, and with the Rady Children's Hospital Emergency Department, both in San Diego.

Recruited to Raleigh as the Associate Residency Director for the UNC-Chapel Hill emergency medicine residency program, he held primary responsibility for the program at WakeMed. Trocinski became residency director of the UNC program in 2004, a position that he held until July 2009.

Currently, he works exclusively in the Pediatric Emergency Department, which sees about 45,000 visits per year. With more than 14 years of experience in the areas of emergency medicine, pediatrics and education, Trocinski is a welcome addition to the EPC Committee.

New course materials introduced

We are pleased to announce that new EPC course materials are now available. They include an updated and upgraded PowerPoint presentation and a new instructor manual. These materials have been produced on a flash drive for easy use and storage and are available for purchase through NAEMT's EMS Store, accessible at www.naemt.org. The price of these new EPC instructor materials is \$23.

All instructors are asked to obtain and use these new EPC materials, which will be required for all courses by October 1, 2011. We hope you will be pleased with the greater quality and additional information provided in these new materials.

The development of course sites around the United States continues, with courses introduced at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, and in Everett, Wash., sponsored by Rural Metro. If you are interested in establishing your organization as a course site, please contact the NAEMT office for details.

PHTLS news: Course introduces Seventh Edition, e-learning option

A new online e-learning option for Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) is now available. Eight hours of PHTLS online content has been developed that includes video and animations and is designed as a stand-alone continuing education offering. Successful completion of PHTLS Online Continuing Education earns participants eight hours of CECBEMS continuing education, but no PHTLS card will be issued. The price, including an electronic or print version of the PHTLS Seventh Edition book, is \$105.

Within the next few months, PHTLS course sites will have the opportunity to offer their students a hybrid PHTLS course, with one day of online learning and one day of classroom work. Students who successfully complete the hybrid course will earn 16 hours of continuing education credit and will receive a PHTLS card.

The PHTLS Seventh Edition civilian and military texts,

as well as the Seventh Edition Instructor DVD, are now available for purchase. The Trauma First Response text also is available. The first rollout of the Seventh Edition course in Dallas in September 2010 was attended by 300-plus faculty.

Currently, rollouts of the updated materials are occurring all over the world.

India and Singapore are planning to join the PHTLS family, and the committee is working with a United Nations team in Haiti. Additionally, PHTLS is working with UN officials to develop a training program for all medical team personnel deploying to any UN mission.



Attend NAEMT courses at **EMSWORLD** Expo

On August 29-30, NAEMT will be holding preconference courses with exciting new content, just prior to EMS World Expo 2011 in Las Vegas.

These courses provide you with the opportunity to take the best in EMS continuing education. All NAEMT continuing education courses are accredited by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) and are recognized for recertification requirements by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). Get your continuing education credits in by registering for the following courses.

Two-day courses

Monday and Tuesday, August 29-30, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)

Faculty: AMLS Committee

The first education program that fully addresses how to best assess and manage the most common medical crises in patients, offering a "think outside the box" methodology, Advanced Medical Life Support is the most comprehensive EMS continuing education course addressing the assessment and management of patients. This just-updated course features interactive and exciting additions, including a newly designed AMLS assessment pathway, new book chapters, and new content, including Master Level scenarios.

Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) - PHTLS

Faculty: PHTLS Committee

The Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) educational program is pleased to host the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care's (CoTCCC) updated curriculum for the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) course. This course is the companion course to PHTLS for the military and for those to be deployed in support of combat operations. The TCCC course addresses factors including the austere and extreme environments in which care is rendered on the battlefield, the need to complete the mission and ensure the survival of the

unit as a whole, self-care and buddy care, and the most common causes of death on the battlefield and what the combat medic can do to effectively intervene. Particulars of care are based on PHTLS principles, with appropriate modifications for the combat and tactical environments.

Beyond the Street EMS Supervisor Workshop

Faculty: Dr. Jay Fitch and Mike Ragone

This workshop helps supervisors of EMS operations think and act like leaders, providing additional training in management effectiveness and skills. Participants acquire essential management skills, from working effectively with different generations and handling conflict to building trust with peers, bosses and other agencies. Attendees learn when to be directive, when to coach and when to delegate - and how to earn respect from the EMS personnel they once worked alongside. Additional strategies include handling complaints effectively and building customer satisfaction. Industry-leading faculty will guide participants in experiential and practical learning sessions.

One-day courses

Monday, August 29, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

EMS Safety Course

Faculty: EMS Safety Program Committee

To help promote a culture of EMS safety and reduce the number and intensity of injuries incurred by EMS practitioners in carrying out their work, NAEMT has introduced the all-new EMS Safety course. EMS Safety aims to increase students' awareness and understanding of EMS safety standards and practices and develop their ability to effectively implement them. EMS Safety is the first national and most comprehensive education program of its kind that teaches techniques on how to best achieve safety on the job. The course covers safety in emergency vehicles, at the operational scene and while handling patients, as well as patient, practitioner and bystander safety and personal health.

Tuesday, August 30, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) -
Seventh Edition Instructor Course**

Faculty: PHTLS Committee

This instructor course is an intensive eight-hour course for those individuals who have successfully completed a PHTLS provider course. This course is designed to train instructor candidates to conduct provider and refresher courses on the latest PHTLS philosophies and techniques. Individuals selected to attend this workshop will typically be experienced instructors, coordinators, or administrators with proven clinical skills at a minimum level of EMT-Basic. Required: Proof of current PHTLS provider status.

Learn more at www.naemt.org or register at www.publicsafetyevents.com.

Take advantage of your NAEMT member discount of \$125

As a full NAEMT member, you receive a \$125 discount on EMS World Expo registration. The discount applies only to the Three-Day Core Program individual registration fee. Discounts cannot be used with the Squad or Military Discount Rate, or for preconference registration fees.

To get the discount, just provide your membership number when selecting the Three-Day Core Program NAEMT Member Rate on the EMS World Expo conference registration form at www.publicsafetyevents.com.

Frame lecture to address field triage guidelines

This year's Scott B. Frame Memorial Lecture topic is **Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients: Making a Difference**, presented by Richard C. Hunt, M.D., FACEP, Director, Division of Injury Response, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Professor of Emergency Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine.

The risk for death of a severely injured person is 25 percent lower if the patient receives care at a Level 1 Trauma Center. Transporting the right patient to the right place in the right amount of time can indeed save lives.

Dr. Hunt will describe the development, dissemination, implementation and evaluation of CDC's Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients: Recommendations of the National Expert Panel on Field Triage. He also will discuss successes and challenges with this journey to make a difference in the outcomes of trauma patients throughout our nation.

The Frame lecture is held each year in memory of Scott B. Frame, MD, FACS, FCCM, EMT-P, who made significant contributions to NAEMT and its Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) program.

The Scott B. Frame Memorial Lecture will take place from 2-3:15 p.m. on August 31. It is open to attendees of EMS World Expo.



Chaplaincy provides spiritual support in critical stress management

by Rob Dewey

Critical Stress Management (CSM) is a term that most of us who are either EMS practitioners or other first responders, or who support EMS practitioners, have become familiar with in the last decade. In the 1970s, I was a police officer and volunteer member of the Black Mountain, N.C., Rescue Squad. We were told to keep our emotions in check, and not to show weakness. This probably sounds very familiar.

Thankfully, those days are over. Through a CSM system, several types of support are available to EMS practitioners and their families. On the forefront of this movement was the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (www.icisf.org), which was founded in 1982. One of the now endorsed CSM support avenues is Pastoral Crisis Intervention. I was honored to be one of the co-authors of the two Pastoral Crisis Intervention Courses offered through the ICISF and the University of Maryland – Baltimore Campus.

I also am blessed that in 1990, the Lord shared a vision with me to begin a full-time Chaplain's program – the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. This ministry is for EMS practitioners and other first responders, their families and victims of crime. In 2010, we responded to some 1,550 emergency calls offering

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on-scene support to EMS practitioners and others.

It is key to offer the appropriate support following a traumatic call. If this support is not offered, the likeli-

hood exists that stress will build up, which could potentially lead to stress that can be life-changing, i.e., post-traumatic stress disorder. The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy serves 36 agencies; one of the major agencies that we are honored to serve is the Charleston County EMS.

NAEMT President-elect and Charleston County EMS Director Don Lundy states, "In our business, we are always focused on the patient. Many times, a co-worker may become a de-facto patient because of what they see and experience on the job. We use the Chaplaincy for issues that an employee may come up against, but may not want to talk with their employer about. This is a very complicated world, and many members of our EMS family experience a multitude of issues that, if not caught and worked out early, end up affecting both their jobs and our patient care."

Spiritual support in action

Over these 20 years, I have been requested to respond to various situations with EMS practitioners who have experienced loss. One time concerned when a medic was relieved of duty. A supervisor called me and stated that they were concerned for his safety, as he felt the fired employee may harm himself. I found him living in a his car. I asked him to go with me to talk with a professional counselor. He said he would meet me after he visited his father's grave; I told him that was not going to be an option, and he did go with me and received some much-needed help.

Some EMS systems utilize chaplains as a resource for their personnel. Some of these chaplains are local clergy, who serve the agency as a volunteer. Several agencies have full-time chaplains, as we do at the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, which is a non-profit ministry. We have four full-time staff, 15 volunteer chaplains and a Board of Directors (which Don Lundy has faithfully served for seven years).

Whether a clergyperson is serving an EMS agency as a volunteer or as a full-time chaplain, it is an honor to serve in this ministry with the community of EMS practitioners and other first responders. On a regular basis, a chaplain is requested to meet a crew at the emergency room following a particularly bad run, such as one involving a baby or another EMS worker. By offering a 'Ministry of Presence' every day, I pray we are making a difference in the lives of the EMS practitioners, their families and the agency.

Providing pastoral support as part of the Critical Stress Management system for our EMS personnel is so very important. Lundy comments that "The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy has been the foundation for our 'spiritual division.' While some might think of a Chaplaincy as a Bible-carrying group, this Chaplaincy ministry for us is a part of the EMS team which offers a spiritual presence for our co-workers. I cannot think of where we would be if we did not have this group with us. They have saved quite a number of lives, marriages and families within our system."

I encourage you to contact me if I may be of assistance to your agency in either developing a Chaplaincy program or helping to maintain this ministry.

Rob Dewey is Chaplain with Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy in Charleston, S.C. You can learn more at www.coastalcrisischaplain.org and contact him at 843-724-1212.

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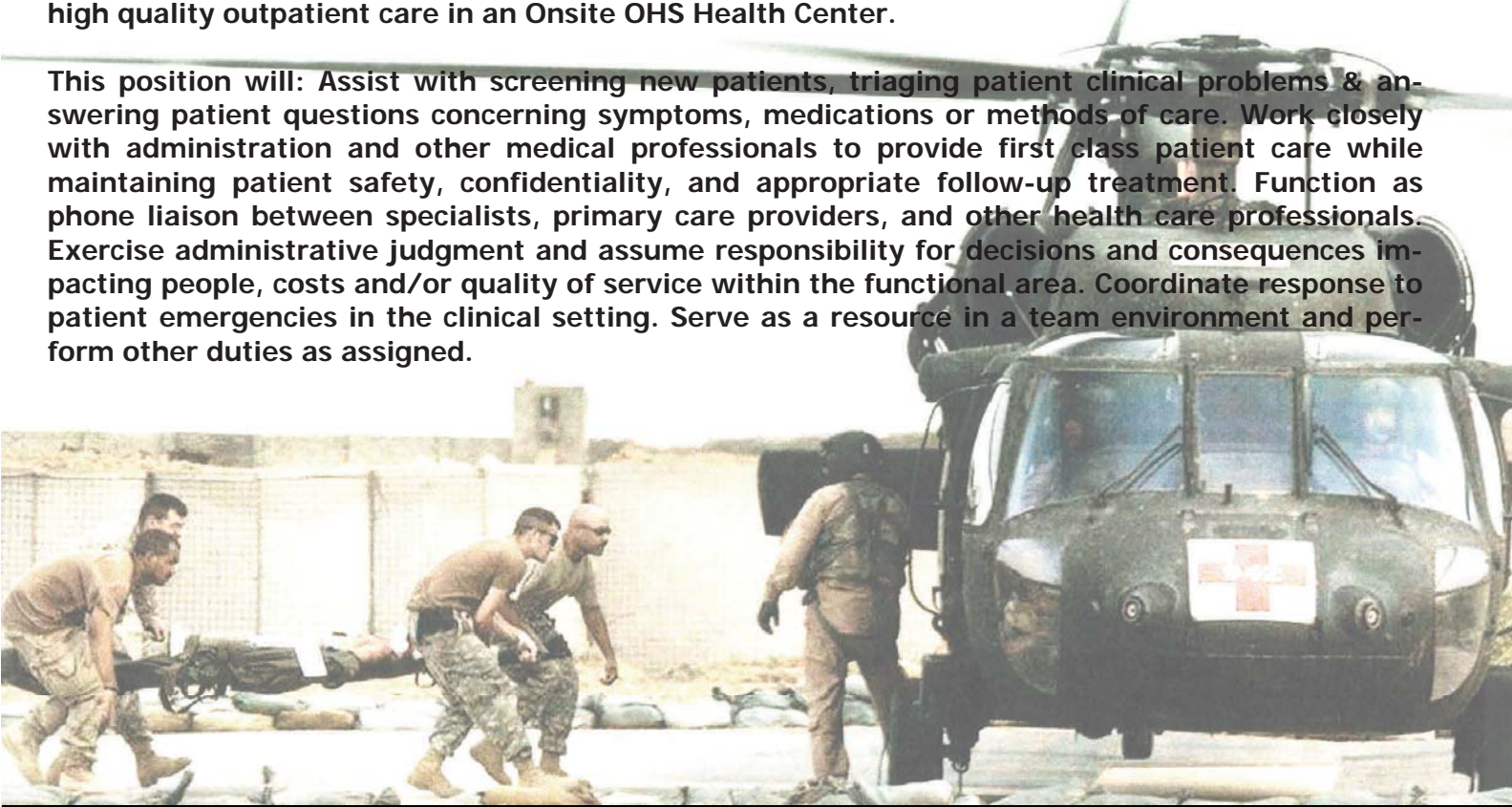
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curriculum at an accredited college or university will be able to teach the EMS Safety course without prior monitoring and approval.

EMS Safety in the news

The EMS Safety course has won the 2011 Nicholas Rosecrans Award for Excellence in Injury Prevention. The award was presented at EMS Today on March 5.

“EMS practitioners are seven times more likely than the average worker to lose work as the result of an on-the-job injury. For years, the dangers faced by EMS practitioners have been largely underestimated. It is only in recent years that we have come to recognize the unique challenges faced by EMS practitioners and the extent to which those challenges affect

them, their families, the agencies for which they work or volunteer their services, and ultimately their patients,” says Glenn Luedtke, Chair of the EMS Safety Program Committee.

“We’ve created a program that not only presents the latest and most comprehensive information on EMS safety, but is constructed so that students can take the information and

use it their first day back on the ambulance to improve their safety and that of their co-workers.” He added, “In the long run, we hope the course will be the vital first step in creating a new ‘Culture of Safety’ within our profession to keep our patients safe and help ensure that our EMS practitioners return home safely after each shift.”

The EMS Safety Program Committee, which worked for more than a year on the development of this course, consists of:

- Charlene Cobb, NREMT-P
- Bruce Evans, MPA
- Paul Hinchey, M.D.
- Taz Meyer, BS, EMT-P
- Michael L. Shelton, EMT-B
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Judge appointed to NAEMT Board as Region II Director

James (Jim) A. Judge II has been appointed to the NAEMT Board of Directors to fill the Director, Region II, position vacated by **Don Lundy** when he was elected President-Elect by the NAEMT membership this past fall. Judge will complete Lundy's term through December 31, 2011.

Judge possesses more than 38 years of experience in EMS and has been a member of NAEMT since 1991.

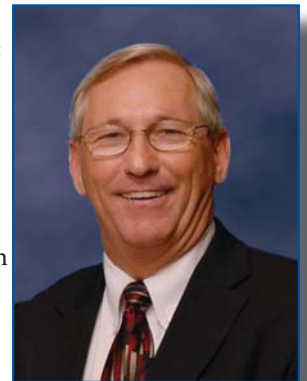
Since 2001, he has served as Executive Director for award-winning Lake-Sumter Emergency Medical Services, Mount Dora, Fla., where he provides leadership and develops strategic plans to advance the mission and objectives of the agency, which has an annual budget of more than \$27 million and provides prehospital emergency medical care to the residents and visitors of over nearly 1,800 square miles.

In his role, Judge facilitates growth of the organization, which currently operates 35 Advanced Life Support transport and emergency response units including a state-of-the-art Communications Center responsible for handling all fire and EMS dispatch services for Lake County.

He holds a Bachelor of Public Administration Degree (Cum Laude) from Barry University, Miami, and has attended

numerous courses in Disaster Preparedness, Radiological and Biohazardous Training, Incident Command, Hurricane Preparedness and other Emergency Services/Public Safety-related topics.

A few of the many leadership roles in which Judge has served include President, Florida Ambulance Association; Florida-6 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) Board Member; and Past President of the Florida Association of County Emergency Medical Services.

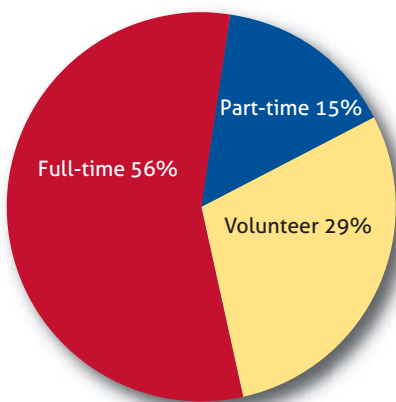


He also is involved in Lake and Sumter County March of Dimes, and has served as Vice Chair, Lake and Sumter County United Way, the Board of Regents – Leadership Lake County, and Past President, Lake-Sumter Community College Foundation.

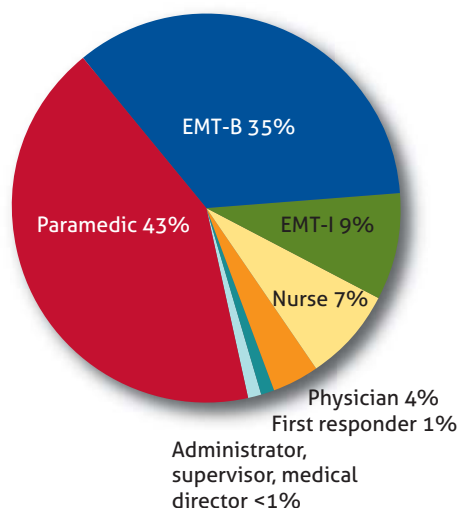
Please welcome Jim Judge to our NAEMT Board of Directors.

Member snapshot: Annual membership statistics

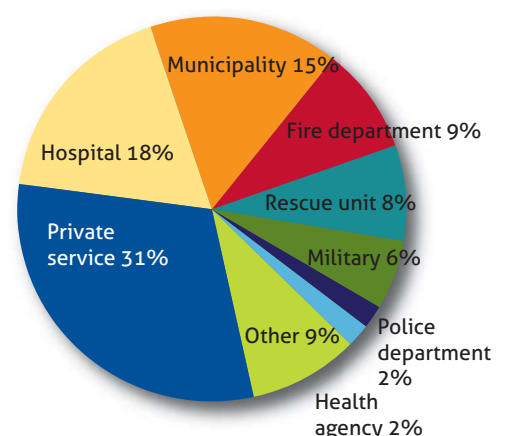
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Statistics as of 1/11

National EMS Awards nominations now open

Do you have a colleague who consistently goes above and beyond? Are your hard-working and knowledgeable service members some of the best in the field? Then recognize them on the national stage by nominating them for a National EMS Award – **nominations are now open.**

National EMS Awards recognize the best in the EMS profession. When an individual or service wins an award, their life-saving work is recognized in their local communities and across the nation. These awards not only shine the spotlight on their outstanding contributions, but they highlight the importance of EMS.

The National EMS Awards represent the collaboration of NAEMT with other national EMS organizations to recognize outstanding achievements and contributions in EMS.

The following National EMS Awards of Excellence will be granted in 2011:

- NAEMT EMT of the Year, sponsored by Braun Industries
- NAEMT Paramedic of the Year, sponsored by EMS World
- EMS Educator of the Year, presented by the National Association of EMS Educators and sponsored by Cengage/Delmar

- EMS Executive of the Year, presented by National EMS Management Association and sponsored by Nasco
- Dick Ferneau Paid EMS Service of the Year, presented by NAEMT and sponsored by Ferno
- Impact Volunteer EMS Service of the Year, sponsored by Impact Instrumentation, Inc.

Award recipients receive a \$1,000 check, three core program registrations to EMS World Expo, plus \$1,000 for travel and lodging to attend EMS World Expo/NAEMT Annual Meeting in Las Vegas.

Award recipients also are recognized at the opening ceremony of EMS World Expo, and at the corresponding association meeting.



Lisa Camp was named 2010 NAEMT Paramedic of the Year.

Please submit nominations in the National Awards section of www.naemt.org.

New squad vendor offers major discount

ClearCollar™ offers the world's first fully transparent cervical immobilization extrication collar - and now members of NAEMT's squad membership program can get it at a 35 percent discount!

As the program's newest vendor, ClearCollar is offering 35 percent off the retail price on all fully transparent non-adjustable (Pedi, Adol, Zero, Regular and Tall) and adjustable Pedi and Adult cervical immobilization extrication collars, for a savings of at least \$130 per case.

NAEMT's squad membership program offers EMS services savings and discounts on products and services from some of the leading EMS vendors... and it helps agency leaders invest in their employees — the future of the EMS service.

The program provides discounts of up to 35 percent on EMS

products and services such as apparel, learning and billing systems, PPE and emergency supplies, communications equipment and much more.

Plus, it lets squad leaders offer its EMTs and paramedics educational scholarships, discounts on continuing education, AD&D insurance, group rates on limited benefit health insurance, and discounts on leading EMS publications.

To learn more and enroll, visit the Membership section of www.naemt.org.



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Membership Committee restructured to better serve members

NAEMT IS TAKING THE NEXT STEP IN PROVIDING service and value-added benefits to members and increasing membership retention. The NAEMT Membership Committee, chaired by **Chuck Kearns**, has been expanded to include two members from each NAEMT region.

The committee works to help increase the number of active members, reviews member benefits and services on a regular basis and recommends any needed changes, and regularly reviews NAEMT membership statistics and notes any significant changes or trends.

Members of the committee are:

Region I – Howard Schwartz and Jennifer Frenette

Region II – Les Powell and Jim Judge

Region III – Brad Gronke and Aimee Binning

Region IV – Matt Zavadsky and K.C. Jones

One of the goals of the committee is to conduct more direct outreach to members, and committee members currently are working to develop an outreach plan.

“It is an honor to serve our members as chair of the Membership Committee,” says Kearns. “The new committee structure will provide us with an opportunity to reach out and communicate directly with more of our fellow members.”

Your member benefits continue to grow

Based on membership surveys, NAEMT continues to add

valuable new benefits to serve members. Most recently, NAEMT added a voucher worth up to \$15 towards any NAEMT continuing education course and a members-only discount of 25 percent off select apparel, footwear, equipment and accessories from 5.11 Tactical, Inc.™

Other popular benefits include:

- \$10,000 in AD&D insurance coverage included with membership
- Two free online continuing education courses per year from CentreLearn worth \$13.90, which also can be used as credit toward an annual subscription plan
- A \$150 award upon enrollment and a 10% discount on college courses through The College Network
- Eligibility for \$35,000 each year in educational scholarships
- A \$125 discount to attend EMS World Expo (see article on page 9)
- A free subscription to *EMS World Magazine* – a \$29 value, and other free and discounted publications and supplies... and much more.

To access your benefits, log in to the **Member Resources** section and click on **Access Your Benefits** at www.naemt.org.

Join NAEMT on Facebook

Visit and join our official NAEMT group on Facebook. Post your thoughts and comments or start a discussion about a subject affecting you as an EMS practitioner. Our Facebook group lets you connect with EMS practitioners from throughout the world.



NAEMT will post ‘need to know’ information on NAEMT activities, news from Washington concerning EMS, and discussion items, photos and upcoming events.

NAEMT would like to recognize and thank NAEMT member William Bentley, who initiated this group and initially served as the administrator. NAEMT plans to build upon his success and continue to grow the group.

Check out your NAEMT Facebook group today!

NAEMT members: Attend Annual Meeting!

The NAEMT Annual Meeting is set to take place Monday through Wednesday, August 29 - 31, at the Las Vegas Convention Center in conjunction with EMS World Expo 2011.

All NAEMT members are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting free of charge. Attend meetings of the NAEMT committees, the Affiliate Advisory Council, and the General Membership Meeting and Reception. Take this opportunity to network with other members, enjoy the company of colleagues, and increase your involvement in your professional association. View the full 2011 NAEMT Annual Meeting schedule at www.naemt.org.

Join us in Las Vegas! We're looking forward to seeing you there. Watch for more details in the next issue of *NAEMT News*.

Congratulations to scholarship winners

Congratulations to the most recent recipients of the degree completion scholarship offered by The College Network: **David M. Davis, A.A.S., NREMT-P** of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and **Tracy Johnson, NREMT-P** of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Davis is a paramedic with Mercy Regional EMS in Owasso, Okla. He has more than two decades of experience working in EMS, and also has worked in the police field as a reserve officer and sergeant. "I started as a paramedic 21 years ago and have dedicated my life to this career," says Davis. "My educational goal is to obtain a Master's degree in emergency management, and my employment goals are to eventually be a director of operations or chief of EMS."

Johnson is a paramedic with the Shreveport Fire Department. "My goal is to help improve emergency medical services from the administrative side on a local and state level. This degree will allow me to help the citizens of Shreveport by providing the tools for planning, motivating, educating and training."

Johnson is grateful for the scholarship, noting that it "will assist me in achieving my educational goals and will allow me to give back to EMS."

The Degree Completion scholarships sponsored by The College Network are for up to \$2,500 each for full NAEMT members to take college courses through The College Network. In addition to scholarship opportunities, NAEMT members receive a \$150 award upon enrollment

and a 10% discount on college courses through The College Network.

Other scholarships offered to full, active NAEMT members include:

- First Responders, to become EMT-Basic – up to \$500 each
- EMT-Basic, to become EMT-Paramedic – up to \$5,000 each
- Paramedics, to advance their education in the realm of EMS – up to \$2,000 each

The next deadline for scholarship applications for all EMS scholarships is **June 15, 2011**.

To learn more and apply for a scholarship, go to the Member Resources section of www.naemt.org. You must log in as a member to access the page.



Johnson



Davis

You're invited to participate in revision of ambulance safety design standards

by Larry Avery

Emergency medical service practitioners riding in the back of ambulances are at high risk of suffering injuries during a crash or crash avoidance maneuver when not using restraints.

However, using restraints makes it difficult to access and treat patients while en route to the hospital. Achieving a balance between worker safety and patient care is a significant challenge for the EMS community.

To address this challenge, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Human Factors Division (HFD) has partnered with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to develop

design guidance for ambulance patient compartments that address crashworthiness, worker safety and performance, and patient safety. This guidance is anticipated to include, but not be limited to, the design of seats and restraints, litter and patient restraints, compartment layout and workflow, storage, ingress and egress, lighting, workspace, and communications. Crash worthiness requirements for interior components also will be addressed.

The guidance will provide

the necessary information for EMS organizations and ambulance manufacturers to design safer patient compartments that help workers optimize their ability to perform patient care. The guidance will be incorporated into current and emerging ambulance design standards such as NFPA 1917.

The guidance will be developed over a three-year period. Year one will focus on developing a complete understanding of EMS requirements for the design of patient compartments. Year two will focus on developing, evaluating, and refining design concepts and criteria. Year three will focus on preparing the resultant design guidelines into language appropriate for incorporation into standards and submitting them for consideration.

To be successful at developing these ambulance design

guidelines, the EMS community – both end users and equipment manufacturers – must be involved. Over the next few years, we will be working with the EMS community to elicit input, insights and information from a broad cross-section of EMS professionals. Input will be gathered through focus groups, town hall-like meetings and workshops at EMS expos and regional shows, interviews and discussions with EMS practitioners at conferences and in their local stations, and Internet-based surveys.

We also intend to establish an advisory group composed of members of the EMS community to provide ongoing advice and guidance to the standards development team. This will help ensure that we fully understand all the ambulance design-related challenges faced by EMS practitioners. Ultimately, EMS participation will lead to design guidelines that have a positive impact on safety and worker performance.

We plan to coordinate our visits and information gathering activities, to the extent possible, through NAEMT, but encourage you to contact us directly to participate. Please contact Darren Wilson at 202-254-6657 or Darren.wilson@dhs.gov, Larry Avery at 919-713-0383 or lavery@dandp.com, and Jennifer Marshall at 301-975-3396 or jennifer.marshall@nist.gov.

Larry Avery is Principal Human Factors Analyst at BMT Designers and Planners and is the lead agent for the DHS Science and Technology Directorate's Human Factors Division for the development of human performance and safety design guidance. He has over 30 years experience in these areas.

Darren P. Wilson is Human Systems Research and Engineering Program Manager within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate's Human Factors Division. His research and engineering efforts focus on ensuring human systems integration analysis, design and test activities are incorporated into DHS research, acquisitions and technology development.

Jennifer L. Marshall is Assistant Program Manager for the Counterterrorism and Response Technologies (CART) program within the Law Enforcement Standards Office (OLES) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). She manages projects focused on developing performance standards, test methods and training materials for EMS and other members of the public safety community.

Achieving a balance between worker safety and patient care is a significant challenge.



Ambulance rollovers endanger both practitioners and patients.

EMS on the Hill Day to be held in May

EMS PROFESSIONALS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY will gather at EMS on the Hill Day on May 3-4 in Washington, D.C. With a new Congress, it is critical that we educate our legislators in the Senate and House of Representatives on EMS issues and advocate for the passage of key EMS legislation.

Last year, the EMS profession “came of age” with our first designated day for meeting with congressional leaders. Building upon that success, EMS on the Hill Day 2011 will:

- include representation from all sectors of the EMS community
- send a consistent message to our elected leaders on the key issues facing EMS in our country
- build and strengthen our relationships with Senate and House leaders and their staff

Look for a full report on this year’s event and photos in the next issue of *NAEMT News*.



Participate in EMS advocacy

If you were not able to register for this year’s event by the March 31 deadline, there are still ways that you can actively participate in advocating for our key issues.

- Schedule meetings with your Senators and House Representative in their district office when they are at home. Try to schedule meetings around holidays, such as Easter or Independence Day, or the August or Election recesses. Congressional leaders are more often at home on Friday through Monday, as votes are most often taken in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday-Thursday. Build relationships with congressional staff who work in your district office.
- Attend town hall meetings. Participation not only allows you to share your concerns with your congressional leaders, it also gives the members of your community the opportunity to learn about the issues that have an impact on EMS.
- Letters, e-mails and phone calls do matter. When communicating with your congressional leaders, make sure that you clearly indicate your name, position that you hold in EMS, and the service at which you work. All members will receive an e-mail later this month with directions on how they can contact their congressional leaders to advocate for key EMS issues using NAEMT’s Capwiz service.

NAEMT takes advocacy to the next level

NAEMT is taking national EMS advocacy to the next level with the creation of new positions that will help EMS practitioners become more directly involved in actively advocating within their states. The association is in the process of creating a national advocacy network by establishing a volunteer state advocacy coordinator within each state. The new positions will help build and support NAEMT’s national advocacy efforts within a state and provide members with more outlets through which to participate.

State advocacy coordinators will:

- Conduct outreach to NAEMT members in the state to solicit member interest and participation in national EMS advocacy efforts
- Update interested members on the status of pending national legislation and regulation
- Coordinate and participate in visits to the district offices of the state’s U.S. Senators and House Representatives to educate congressional leaders and staff about the issues that affect delivery of EMS to communities within the state

Coordinators also will build and maintain relations with the state EMS Office and foster state involvement in national advocacy campaigns. The state advocacy coordinators will report to a new position within the NAEMT Advocacy Committee, a regional advocacy coordinator. NAEMT will solicit interest in these volunteer positions through an application process to be released soon.

“I look forward to working with the new state advocacy coordinators, when appointed,” says Jerry Johnston, Advocacy Committee Chair. “I think this new organizational approach will expand our advocacy outreach and enhance our overall grassroots involvement – which is core to our mission.”

Watch for an e-mail communication soon offering more information on the state advocacy coordinator positions.