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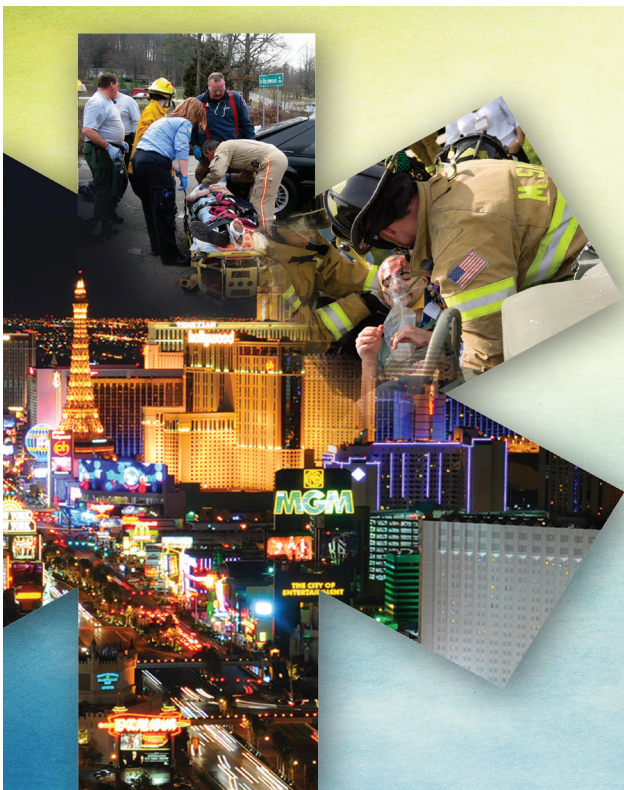


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send an email along with your resume that describes your expertise to committees@naemt.org. Most committees hold open meetings during NAEMT's annual meeting, so you can attend meetings and learn about a committee's activities and projects. Committees consider policy issues and positions that impact EMS and our association, review trends in EMS, and develop and implement programs vital to the advancement of the profession. Committee participation provides great training for someone considering becoming a candidate for

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Pathways to Leadership

by Connie Meyer, Chair, Leadership Development Committee

In 2006, the active membership of NAEMT voted to approve sweeping revisions to our association's bylaws that changed the way we elect members of our national board of directors. These changes became effective in 2007. Prior to that time, NAEMT's national board was selected by a body called the Board of Governors at NAEMT's annual meeting.

The 2006 bylaws changes were based on three core principles:

1. all active members should have the right to vote for the individuals who they feel can best lead our association, regardless if those members, either running for office or voting, are able to attend the annual meeting;
2. our candidacy and election process should be open and accessible – there should be no nominating committee to serve as “gatekeepers” to determine who should or should not run for an open position on our board; and
3. given clear, accurate information on the qualifications of each candidate running for office, our active members will make sound voting choices in the best interests of the association.

Based on these three foundational principles, our current bylaws set forth the following qualifications for serving as a director on our board:

1. active membership for at least 2 consecutive years immediately preceding election;
2. participation in at least one of the following association programs or activities within the two years immediately preceding election;
 - attendance at the NAEMT annual meeting
 - serving as an instructor for an NAEMT education program;
 - serving on a committee;
 - serving as an NAEMT representative or liaison to another organization;
 - serving as a member of the Affiliate Advisory Council.

These qualifications are minimal, as intended, to prevent any unnecessary barriers to candidacy. But beyond these basic



qualifications, what skills and experiences should our Board members possess? What are our active members looking for in their Board leaders?

The NAEMT Board asked the Leadership Development Committee to consider these questions. From discussions with active members from across the country, the committee identified the following attributes that members of the NAEMT board would need to be effective directors:

- Full understanding of prehospital patient care.
- Ability to build and maintain professional relationships.
- Ability to clearly and accurately articulate NAEMT's positions and policies.
- Be personable, with good interpersonal communication skills.
- Knowledge and understanding of the federal political process.
- Experience in leading an organization.

The committee also looked at how active members might develop these skills and experiences to prepare themselves for a position on

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A New Day for EMS Practitioners

THERE ARE SO MANY EXCITING THINGS GOING ON IN EMS, IT'S HARD TO TARGET JUST ONE - SO, I'LL START WITH THIS.

It's a new day for EMS practitioners in the United States.

For the past 12 years, we have been training for, what many believed would be, the next "terrorist level" of attacks in this country. Explosive device and blast trauma training was initiated and all of us discussed "the secondary device".

Boston has brought all of that training home to us.



The men and women of Boston EMS showed all of us what true teamwork looks like and confirmed for us that training, no matter how many times or how expensive, really **does** make a

difference. Thank you Boston EMS!

Along those same lines, it is no secret to most of us that the level of violence towards EMS practitioners has increased at an alarming rate. Whether it is for first responders who are held hostage after receiving a call for help or actual assaults on practitioners while they attempt to do their jobs, it is important that we review what we need to know about situational awareness. Crew Resource Management not only happens in the vehicle but occurs at all times of the call, including while being in the ER.

We shouldn't forget the brave people of West, Texas who held the line so that many people could be evacuated from a close-by nursing home. They knew the danger and yet they didn't shirk their responsibility. Thanks to those brave people who also showed that training means sacrifice, both on and off the battle field.

Let's talk about legislation for a moment.

The Field EMS Bill continues to gain support as it moves through the process. Many don't know that it takes an average of 7 years to get legislation passed, so patience is important.

A few members have asked me why we would want a bill that

has citizens check a box to give money towards EMS at the federal level. Most understand that it's no secret that the days of receiving money from the feds for any new program are few and far between. Even old, standard programs will be at risk for years. Certainly, sequestration has shown that even approved federal budgets are no longer a guarantee of funding. Many members didn't know that when the first "check box" appeared on the tax forms, there was no advertising or information available regarding what it was all about.

With no advertising and no explanation, monies collected totaled **\$71 million dollars!** I think that's impressive, considering that the Field EMS Bill would allow us to ask our local community (free advertising) to "check the box" and donate \$1 towards EMS, especially if it meant receiving grant funds coming back to that community for much needed equipment and education.

What that means is, if the Field EMS Bill had been in place this year, that funding would be exempt from sequestration and all of the other funny business that goes on daily with the federal budget.

And, that's exactly the point of NAEMT supporting this bill. We want to insure that, no matter what amount of money is placed in this fund (we believe it will be substantial), it is not subject to budget cuts, reductions or sequestrations.

Some disagree with this approach and that's why this country is so great; we can agree to disagree. However, I think most of us would agree that federal funding will continue to be reduced and that new and different ways of creating funding for EMS (and health care in general) **must** be found. Instead of comparing ourselves to other health care initiatives ("they have a federal budget, why can't we?"), we need to acknowledge that EMS is, truly, unique as to how we deliver our services. Uniqueness in funding, in my opinion, can also be a win for EMS!

Another exciting thing happening in the NAEMT world includes the upcoming **elections of board members**. This is



Don Lundy, B.S.,
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New Committee Appointed to Lead Work on Passage of Field EMS Bill

Last January, the NAEMT Board of Directors unanimously voted for our association to take the lead in supporting passage of the Field EMS Quality, Innovation and Cost-Effectiveness Improvement Act (H.R. 809), also known as the “Field EMS Bill.” This decision was taken in direct response to members consistently citing the lack of state and federal funding for EMS as one of the key challenges we face in delivering quality care to our patients.

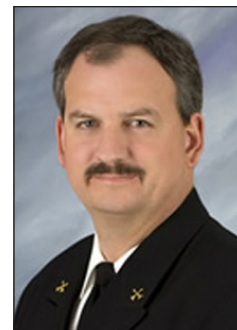
NAEMT’s Board of Directors unanimously agreed. The bill was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressman Larry Bucshon (R-Ind.) Current co-sponsors include:

Rep Andre Carson, (IN-7); Rep John J. Jr. Duncan (TN-2); Rep Joseph J. Heck (NV-3); Rep David Loebsack (IA-2); Rep Michael Michaud (ME-2); Rep Richard B. Nugent (FL-11); Rep Collin Peterson (MN-7); Rep Phil Roe (TN-1); Rep Steve Stivers (OH-15)

The Field EMS Bill addresses many of the challenges EMS systems face. The first bill to seriously look at EMS problems since the 1960s, the act would improve access to essential and life-saving EMS services and better integrate EMS within the larger health care system.

Recognizing that passage of this bill will require a multi-year sustained effort, the Board requested President Don Lundy to appoint a Field EMS Bill Steering Committee to provide guidance and support to the Board and NAEMT’s lobbyist in the effort to obtain passage. Responsibilities of the committee includes the development and implementation of strategies, and communications and assistance in identifying organizations that are interested in supporting passage of the bill.

Members of the committee include: NAEMT Region IV Director Bruce Evans (chair); At-Large Director Ben Chlapek; Treasurer Dennis Rowe; Immediate Past President Connie Meyer; Dr. Ritu Sahni, representative of the National Association of EMS Physicians; Troy Hagen, representative of the National EMS Management Association; Paul Patrick, representative of the National Association of State EMS Officials.



Bruce Evans, NAEMT Region IV Director and Field EMS Bill Steering Committee Chair

New State Advocacy Coordinator Appointments

We continue to build our network of state advocacy coordinators with the appointment of two new coordinators:

District of Columbia- **Stephen Gerber**, MSHS, NREMT-P, EMSAdvocacyDC@gmail.com

Maine- **Clarke Reiner**, NRAEMT, NAEMT.MAINE@gmail.com

State Advocacy Coordinators are NAEMT members who have been appointed by the President to help our members build and support NAEMT’s national advocacy efforts within their respective states.

Interested NAEMT members can apply for the open state positions at advocacy@naemt.org. Members are encouraged to contact their State Advocacy Coordinator and let them know they are interested in federal advocacy issues and willing to help by reaching out to their individual networks.

Letter from Congressman Tim Walz (D-MN)



In 2007, it was brought to my attention that there was no formal EMS Caucus in the House and no organized effort focused on the first response medical community. In 2008, I worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to found the EMS Caucus. I am proud of the work we have accomplished and look forward to facing new challenges.

When a father or a mother, sister or brother, husband or wife, friend or teacher calls 9-1-1, we take for granted that someone will be on the other end and help will show up within minutes. In reality, a lot more goes on behind the scenes to make that a reality in our communities. My job in Congress is to help ensure that our neighborhood heroes have the resources they need to save lives.

Despite the growing body of evidence documenting the value of emergency medical care in improving 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. Congressional support for emergency medical and trauma care is needed now more than ever.

The EMS Caucus will help promote, educate and increase awareness around the federal policy issues impacting EMS providers.

Our Caucus focuses on what we can do to make sure the

EMS community has the resources they need and can operate efficiently and effectively. In addition to advocating for legislation related to emergency medical services, this Caucus will continue to provide a forum for members of Congress to raise public awareness of issues facing EMS personnel. Part of that effort is educating other Members of Congress and their staff on these important issues and working with EMS partners to host briefings or send letters with valuable information.

With your support, I pledge to continue to fight for better care, lower health care costs, and increased efficiency within the EMS community. Below is a list of current Caucus Members. If you would like your Member of Congress to join, please give them a call and have them contact Carina Marquez-Barrientos in my office at carina.marquez@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your unyielding dedication to providing world-class, life-saving, emergency care.

Current Members of the EMS Caucus are as follows:

- Rep. Charles Boustany (R-LA)
- Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL)
- Rep. Joe Heck (R-NV)
- Rep. Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH)
- Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA)
- Rep. Rick Nolan (D-MN)
- Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC)
- Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-IA)
- Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-KS)
- Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN)
- Rep. Kevin Yoder (R-KS)



EMS On The Hill Day 2014

Don't miss the most important EMS advocacy event of the year.

Mark your calendars for EMS On The Hill Day 2014, March 25-26 at the Washington Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C. As an EMS professional, you are in a unique position to share with your congressional leaders the key issues that affect your ability to provide EMS in your state and district and the specific challenges you face in providing quality care. Make plans to attend in 2014.

NAEMT Calls on Local, State and Federal Government to Share Responsibility for Funding EMS

The NAEMT Board of Directors recently adopted a new position statement on EMS as an Essential Public Function that was developed by the NAEMT Advocacy Committee. The position recognizes that the essential life-saving public function fulfilled by EMS necessitates support by all levels of government to ensure its viability.

Every day, thousands of people call 911 with the expectation that an ambulance will respond and emergency medical practitioners will treat and transport them in the event of a dangerous or life-threatening crisis. Despite this public expectation, and 25 million ambulance transports every year in the United States, the essential public function of emergency medical services is not fully recognized at any level of government.

In addition to local responsibilities, EMS agencies are an integral component of each state's emergency response system and are a critical element of our nation's disaster and mass casualty response infrastructure. The vital role played by

EMS in the Boston Marathon bombings, the Texas fertilizer plant explosion, Hurricane Sandy, and the Aurora and Tucson shootings just in recent history illustrates its significance in saving lives in the worst of circumstances.

Funding for EMS must be sufficient to ensure an effective response not only in daily operations, but also in disasters, mass casualty incidents and other public health crises. Failure to address EMS funding and integration inhibits the ability of EMS to effectively serve in these multiple capacities.

Jim Judge, Chair of NAEMT's Advocacy Committee, noted, "This position statement was written to serve as a tool for our members in advocating for EMS funding within their local communities, in state legislatures, and with their members of Congress. It makes the strong case that EMS is a shared responsibility between government at all levels. I hope our members will use this new statement in advocating for passage of the Field EMS Bill."

Go to www.naemt.org to read the full position statement.

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a wonderful time for current and future leaders of EMS to "step up to the plate" and have a great opportunity to view EMS from the "50,000 foot level" and be at the forefront of important decisions being made for the education and advocacy of EMS in the United States. If you are deciding whether you would like to do so, I'd like to give some advice to those who want to get involved.

Our EMS world is filled with "instant change" involving patient care and operations. The level of decision making on the board, however (Federal legislation, upcoming educational courses, trends at the national level), is not an instant fix. It takes months, and sometimes years, of careful thought before legislation is developed and acted upon. Although it is somewhat of a slower pace than a typical diabetic patient, it

is fantastic to see the results of something you yourself were involved in. It is exciting and heartfelt to see the positive changes we can all make in EMS as a team. Read the article about the upcoming NAEMT elections. If you have any questions, you can contact your regional representative or email me directly. Everyone on the board is here to serve you, the members.

Add to all of that, the 2nd annual World Trauma Symposium coming up on September 9th right before EMS World Expo in Las Vegas, the upcoming 8th edition of the PHTLS textbook and other exciting changes in EMS itself, makes EMS an exciting place to be.

Thank you for being a member and thank you for advocating for EMS, in whatever role you are in.

Anonymously Report EMS Safety EVENTS

The EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool, known as EVENT, collects and aggregates data that can be analyzed and used in developing EMS policies, procedures and training, and to prevent similar events from occurring. The system can be accessed at www.emseventreport.org.

When EMS practitioners report these events, no individual responses are shared or transmitted to other parties to keep the reporter completely confidential and anonymous. **Any individual who encounters or recognizes a situation in which an EMS safety event occurred, or could have occurred, is strongly encouraged to submit a report.** The confidentiality and anonymity of the reporting tool is designed to encourage EMS practitioners to readily report EMS safety events without fear of repercussion.

The goal of EVENT is to improve the systems and processes of emergency medical care by identifying situations where a patient or practitioner was harmed, could have been harmed or when a “close call” has occurred.

The EVENT system can be used to anonymously report the following EMS events:

- EMS patient-safety incident or near-miss - any event or action that leads to or has the potential to lead to a worsened patient outcome related to the event or action: these may be related to systems, operations, drug administration or any

clinical aspect of patient care.

- EMS near-miss event - An unplanned event that did not result in injury,

illness, or damage to an EMS practitioner, vehicle, aircraft, or equipment, but had the potential to do so. Only a fortunate break in the chain of events prevented an injury, fatality or damage. A near miss event that is patient related should be reported as a “Patient Safety Event”.

- Violence against an EMS practitioner during a response, transport or follow up by a patient, one or more of their family members or friends, by-standers, or others.

- EMS Line of Duty Deaths.

To make EVENT a mechanism for change, the data collected is provided to state EMS offices and the appropriate federal agencies with jurisdiction over EMS on a quarterly and annual basis. One of the primary end users of this data is envisioned to be those responsible for the development of EMS policies at the state and federal levels.

The information you provide will contribute to saving lives in the future. Visit www.emseventreport.org to learn more.



Legislators Help Celebrate EMS Week



(State) Rep. Wachs addresses and thanks an audience of first responders, volunteers, paramedics and other emergency services practitioners from the north-central Wisconsin region.

Bruce Barnum, South Field Representative for Senator Al Franken, welcomes EMS practitioners during National EMS Week at the Mayo Clinic Medical Transport in Minnesota.



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the NAEMT board. After much deliberation, the committee concluded that, while there is no one, defined path to prepare an active member for the NAEMT board, there are several *pathways to leadership* that can help prepare a member for the responsibilities of serving as an NAEMT director. The committee identified the following pathways:

- ***through leadership on a state EMS association board*** – The skills and expertise acquired through serving on the board of a state EMS association will certainly help prepare someone for service on the NAEMT board. Many of the responsibilities are the same, including budget oversight, recruitment and management of volunteers, and developing and implementing programs. Most state associations are involved in state legislative and regulatory issues that impact EMS. Working on these issues and volunteering to assist in getting local and state leaders to understand the mission of EMS, helps state EMS association leaders understand the role that state and national organizations have in making things happen. It is great training for service on the NAEMT Board.

- ***through NAEMT education*** – Opportunities abound through participation as a member of the faculty of NAEMT’s education programs. Starting as an instructor, and working up to affiliate faculty, state coordinator, regional coordinator, and national committee, these faculty positions enhance clinical understanding, and hone presentation, facilitation and management skills. As NAEMT education is part of the core mission of our association, a strong background in this area is great training for the NAEMT Board.

- ***through involvement in NAEMT’s advocacy program*** – Advocacy is needed wherever policy decisions are being made that will impact EMS – at the local level with the city council or county commission, through state legislatures and state EMS offices, and through U.S. Senators, House Representatives, and their staff. In today’s world, every leader needs to be an advocate. Gaining experience as an advocate at the local, state and federal levels will certainly help prepare active members for the NAEMT Board. In particular, participation in EMS on the Hill Day provides training to those who may be novices in advocacy. Our Hill Day gives members hands-on experience in personally advocating for EMS to their congressional leaders and offers the opportunity to meet with other EMS leaders from all over the country. And, those who serve as one of

NAEMT’s State Advocacy Coordinators receive training for their positions and learn how to develop advocacy networks within their states.

- ***through participation in a leadership position in a state or national program*** – Serving as a volunteer leader on an advisory council, appointed panel, or special project demonstrates a person’s desire to improve the EMS profession and his/her willingness to serve in a volunteer capacity. Many times positions on advisory councils, panels or projects are open and agencies will accept applications or letters of interest from candidates. NHTSA and FEMA each have EMS advisory councils for which individuals can apply for a seat. Many states do as well. Search the web site for EMS related agencies to find such opportunities. In addition, many projects at the state and national level seek organizational participation. Active involvement with your state association or with NAEMT can help you secure an appointment to these projects. Time spent volunteering on these types of projects serve as a very good primer for a person interested in serving in the future on the NAEMT Board.

- ***through service on an NAEMT committee or liaison appointment*** – Each year the President appoints members with particular interests and expertise to NAEMT committees. If you are interested in participating on a particular committee, Continued > > Back

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Education News

PHTLS Progress Report



The PHTLS Committee has been hard at work on program development over the past several months.

PHTLS 8th edition Curriculum Section, led by Dr. Peter Pons, has completed the revised manuscript for the 8th edition textbook. The 8th

edition includes updates from the latest medical literature as well as the ATLS 9th edition. Work will now begin on revisions to the instructor materials and online content. The 8th edition course materials will be completed and presented at the PHTLS 8th Edition Instructor Update, tentatively scheduled for November 9, 2014, in Nashville, Tennessee, in conjunction with the 2014 EMS World Expo.

The PHTLS Committee has been working with our publishing partner, Jones and Bartlett Learning (JBL), to complete the development of an online PHTLS transition course. The transition course was developed to respond to JBL's decision to discontinue publishing its Assessment and Treatment of Trauma (ATT) course. All ATT instructors have been invited to transition to PHTLS and are being offered the online course free of charge. Once they have successfully

completed this course, they will be required to instruct a monitored provider course. This new online transition course will also become available for any current trauma course instructor who is interested in transitioning to PHTLS.

The PHTLS Committee has recently established a liaison relationship with The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). These relationships will help to enhance and strengthen the PHTLS program.

The committee continues to work on international promulgation of the PHTLS program. Dr. Peter Pons, PHTLS Associate Medical Director, and Greg Chapman, PHTLS Vice Chair, represented PHTLS at the 3rd annual Latin American PHTLS Congress in Lima, Peru, in April. They presented the Trauma First Response (TFR) course for the Latin American Coordinators, who are very excited about the recent translation of the TFR book in Spanish. Dr. Pons also worked with the Latin American faculty to deliver a TCCC course to the Peruvian Special Forces. Steve Mercer represented PHTLS at the PHTLS Europe conference in Mulhouse, France on May 21st, 2013.

EMS Safety



The EMS Safety Course Program Committee continues to work on the revisions for the 2nd edition course materials. Five hundred course evaluations were reviewed and the comments will be considered in course revisions.

The number of course sites continues to grow, making the award winning EMS Safety course even more accessible. To find a course in your state, visit the education section of www.naemt.org and click: "Locate a Course".

If you are interested in becoming an EMS Safety course instructor, here are the steps:

1. Complete the eight hour EMS Safety course, with a score of 76% or higher on the final exam;
2. Show proof of current instructor status for any of the following courses:

Any NAEMT course – AMLS, EPC or PHTLS; ITLS, ACLS, PALS, PEPP, EVOC, Fire Instructor I, or serve as faculty currently teaching EMS curriculum at an accredited college or university

FOR MORE INFORMATION on becoming an EMS Safety course instructor, or if you are already an EMS Safety instructor and are interested in becoming an affiliate faculty for the program, please contact NAEMT HQ at 1-800-346-2368.

EPC



Two new members were recently appointed to the EPC Committee: David B. Aber, NREMT-P/FTO, I/C, is a passionate EMS Educator who brings over 20 years of EMS street experience to the committee. He currently works in New Castle County,

DE as a field paramedic and is also the EMS Education and Training Coordinator for the division's public safety agencies. Dave enjoys attending education courses as much as teaching them and believes we should never stop learning. Dave's interest in pediatrics began when he attended a car seat fitting technician course. Dave attended the initial roll out of EPC in Orlando in 2007. Since then he has taught the course in several states and at national conferences. His other interests in EMS include trauma and safety and he is very involved with both NAEMT's PHTLS and EMS Safety Courses.

David Meysenburg, RN, BSN, CFRN, EMT-P, FP-C, is a Flight Nurse/Paramedic for TraumaOne Flight Services at Shands Jacksonville in Jacksonville, Florida. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing from Florida State University as well as professional certifications as a Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CFRN) and Certified Flight Paramedic (FP-C). He has over 15 years experience working at an Adult and Pediatric Level 1 Trauma Center. David has been teaching EPC, PHTLS, and AMLS for 7 years and was recently appointed as the Region 2 Coordinator for EPC. He

also serves as the State of Florida Committee on Trauma Chair for Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN).

The inaugural EPC course in Latin America, held on April 22-24, 2013, was a great success. EPC Committee members Chad McIntyre, Lisa Bennett and David Meysenburg traveled to Lima, Peru, to launch EPC in 10 Latin American countries. Sixteen physicians, nurses, and paramedics from the region participated in the provider and instructor course with plans to take the course back to their host countries for promulgation.

Chad McIntyre, EPC Committee member and NAEMT Board member, stated "The training facility and equipment were state of the art



and it was a very comfortable and inviting environment. We look forward to future courses in Latin America and anticipate great courses with Dr. Reyes and the Peruvian Life Support Team."

The committee continues its work to improve the current EPC course materials. At its meeting in May, the committee began working on the revision of the pre and post tests, course equipment list, and instructor notes for the skill stations.

AMLS News



The AMLS Committee is working with Jones & Barlett Learning to complete AMLS Online. AMLS Online is expected to be available in July and will be offered as part of a new Hybrid course option. The Hybrid course consists of 8 hours taken online

in an interactive, web-based format, followed by a 1-day face-to-face session for interactive patient scenario stations and evaluations. AMLS Online will also be offered independently for 8-hours of online continuing education credits.

The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) formally confirmed their continued endorsement of the AMLS course and their appointment of Drs. Vince Mosesso and Angus Jameson as AMLS medical directors. Four new AMLS State Coordinators were recently appointed by AMLS Committee Chair Jeff Messerole. Responsibilities of this position include facilitating the development of new course sites and ensuring the quality of courses in his or her assigned state. NAEMT welcomes the following new AMLS State Coordinators:

Jason McKay, District of Columbia

Chad Pore, Kansas

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New Course Trains Public Safety First Responders

Working in collaboration with the Denver Metropolitan Police Department, the PHTLS Committee has recently completed development of a new course called *Law Enforcement and First Response Tactical Casualty Care* (LEFR-TCC)

The course teaches public safety first responders (police and other law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders) the basic medical care interventions that will help save an injured responder's life until EMS practitioners can safely enter a tactical scene. This course combines the principles of PHTLS and TCCC with practical hands-on experience. Course participants will learn life-saving medical actions such as bleeding control with a tourniquet, bleeding control with gauze packs or topical hemostatic agents, and opening an airway to allow a casualty to breathe. This course can be taught by all current TCCC instructors. For more information, contact NAEMT at education@naemt.org.



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NAEMT Develops New Course on Ethics and Leadership for EMS Practitioners

NAEMT IS PREPARING TO LAUNCH A NEW COURSE, called *Principles of Ethics and Personal Leadership (PEPL)*, to develop awareness and build skill sets for the effective exercise of ethics and personal leadership. The course has been designed to provide EMS practitioners with a deeper understanding of themselves as it relates to basic principles of ethical leadership and service to patients, and awareness of the leadership challenges facing today's evolving mobile healthcare environment. This course assists students in identifying their personal responsibility and accountability for ethical decision-making and for the exercise of ethical servant leadership for themselves, their patients, and their profession.

Topics and skills covered in the curriculum will include personal and professional core values, ethics, decision-making, duty to serve, strategies for conflict resolution, and ambassadorship for the profession, their agencies, and the community at large. Through course presentations, dialogue, and learning activities, including written and video case studies, students will explore the importance of ethics and



personal leadership, identify their leadership roles in civic life as individuals, family members, professionals, and members of the community, and practice the skills important to the exercise of personal, ethical leadership. All members are encouraged to take this 16 hour course. If you are interested in taking this course or bringing it to your agency or EMS training site, contact NAEMT at 800-346-2368 or education@naemt.org.

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Kristen Spencer, Missouri

Paula Botman, California

AMLS continues to grow internationally, with new course sites being set up in three countries.

Japan: AMLS Committee member Ann Bellows, with assistance from AMLS faculty in Hawaii, is working with Oida University to establish a second AMLS course site in Japan. The inaugural course will be conducted in late July, where new AMLS instructors will be trained and monitored.

The Netherlands: The Dutch Nurses Association conducted the first AMLS course in the Netherlands on February 26-27, 2013. Hans-Martin Grunsnick, National Medical Director for AMLS Germany, provided assistance with the course. Sixteen (16) students participated in the provider course, and ten (10)

AMLS instructors were monitored. AMLS Medical Director Vince Mosesso stated, "Knowing the personnel involved, we had full confidence that this would be an excellent program."

Ireland: AMLS was launched in April at Medical Ambulance Service in Dublin, Ireland. AMLS Committee Chair Jeff Messerole and Committee member Ann Bellows assisted with the initial course, training 36 students in the provider course, 24 of whom took the instructor course. "I wanted to write to you to let you know how delighted we are with the AMLS Program, and to let you know what an outstanding success it was," stated Chris O'Connor with Medical Ambulance Service in Dublin. The site is ready to roll-out the AMLS program to all interested parties in their country.

Enhance your EMS World Experience - Attend NAEMT Preconference Courses

You are planning to attend EMS World Expo in Las Vegas this year, right? Then, make your experience even more valuable by signing up to take one of NAEMT's industry-leading courses immediately prior to EMS World Expo. The following courses will be offered:

Preconference Courses

Sunday and Monday, September 8 and 9,
8:00 am - 5:00 pm



Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) Endorsed by the National Association of EMS Physicians, the dynamic AMLS course addresses how to use critical thinking to fully assess and manage the most common medical crises in adult patients, offering a “think outside the box” methodology and emphasizing scene size-up, history, interactive group discussion on potential treatment strategies, and physical exam to systematically rule out and consider differential diagnoses.

Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) Learn about the best in emergency care for sick and injured pediatric patients through EPC, which provides a unique, advanced and in-depth scientific approach to the emergency care of children, offering techniques that can help EMS practitioners rapidly and accurately assess life-threatening situations using the Pediatric Assessment Triangle (PAT). The course gives students a practical and most up-to-date understanding of respiratory, cardiovascular, medical and traumatic emergencies in pediatric patients, incorporating family-centered care throughout all scenarios.

Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) NAEMT offers the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care's updated

curriculum for the TCCC course, utilizing highly trained instructors in both PHTLS and TCCC.

The course is designed for military medics and personnel who are preparing to deploy in support of combat operations. Fully compliant with CoTCCC guidelines, the NAEMT TCCC course uses the PHTLS Seventh Edition Military textbook. Participants are welcome to bring their tactical gear.

Advance registration is required for all courses. Space is limited, so register early at www.emsworldexpo.com. All 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).

NAEMT Annual Meeting

If you are not planning to attend a preconference education course, please plan to attend the NAEMT Annual Meeting September 8-10, 2013 in Las Vegas. All NAEMT members gain free entry to NAEMT annual meeting activities, including NAEMT committee meetings, the Affiliate Advisory Council meeting, the General Membership Meeting and Awards Presentation, and Member Reception.

Come to the Annual Meeting to learn about NAEMT's latest projects, network with other members, and enjoy the company of colleagues. We look forward to seeing you there!

Full NAEMT members save \$125 off registration for EMS World Expo!

That's more than triple your annual membership dues! To receive your discount, choose the NAEMT Member rate and provide your NAEMT member number when registering for EMS World Expo three-day conference.

Register before August 12, and save an additional \$70!

Discount cannot be used with other discounts or on preconference registration.

Scott B. Frame Lecture to Focus on Lessons Learned

ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING EMS WORLD EXPO THIS YEAR are encouraged to attend the Scott B. Frame Memorial Lecture on Tuesday, September 10 from 2:00 – 3:15pm.

The lecture will be presented by Dr. Karen Brasel on *The History and Development of ATLS®: Lessons for Trauma Providers Everywhere*.

It will review the history of the ATLS course, growing from a single site in Lincoln, Nebraska and now reaching greater than 100,000 providers annually. The relationship to other trauma

courses, most specifically PHTLS, TEAM, and ATCN, will be a major emphasis. Specific lessons learned from the course's educational development and international promulgation will be discussed. The future of ATLS and other courses, including new electronic platforms, simulation and task trainers, will be foreshadowed.

This lecture is held each year to honor Scott B. Frame, MD, FACS, FCCM, EMT-P, who made significant contributions to NAEMT and its PHTLS program.



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The 2013 Fire Season and Fire Crew Safety

By Bruce Evans, MPA, NREMT-P

The 2013 wildfire season is shaping up to be equally or more dangerous than 2012.

In recent years, moisture levels in the West and Midwest have been far below normal levels. Climate change, and a long-term drought, combined with millions of acres dried and destroyed by the Western Bark Beetle, has created a potential tinderbox from New Mexico to Washington State.



Many areas of the West are subject to moderate to high burn probability in any given fire season.

In the Mean Burn Probability Map, the counties are categorized as high, moderate, or low average burn probability. Burn probability is estimated using an aerial flyover simulation and represents the likelihood of an area burning during large wildland fires. Burn probability can be relatively high in areas with large fires, even though ignition probability is low.

This year's high burn probability could mean 2013 will be an especially expensive fire season. In 2008, the most recent year for which the National Forest Leadership Council has data, \$1.6 billion was spent on wildfire suppression and mitigation. The Council suggests that the real actual cost could be two to 30 times higher when factoring in property losses and private activities to combat burn probability.

Necessary Emergency Medical Assistance

This possibly unprecedented fire behavior has the potential to produce injuries in both firefighters and civilians. Couple the physical threats from the wildfire itself with the typical

amount of machinery, sharp tools, and difficult terrain involved in fighting wildfire, and it becomes clear why incident commanders are summoning Emergency Medical Services early on fire campaigns.

After the 2008 death of a wildland firefighter from hypovolemia in Northern California's Shasta-Trinity National Forest, a retooling of medical procedures and early deployment has been encouraged by regional foresters. Proactive incident commanders are ensuring the official medical plan (ICS 206) and all the necessary services are on standby.

EMS deployment in a wildland event frequently includes physically taxing and difficult activities, such as trekking into steep and rugged terrain to get to an injured firefighter off the line, or staffing a field clinic doing eyewashes and handling a variety of different medical emergencies.

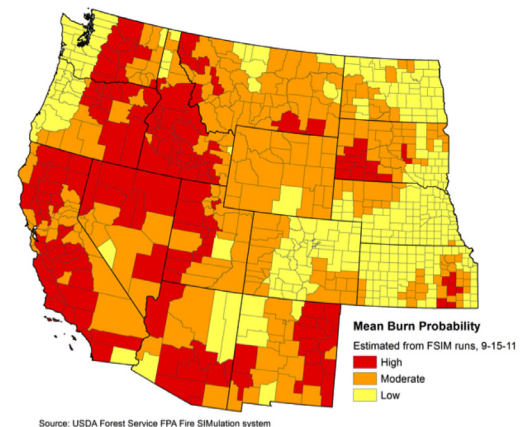
Though the field and physical requirements are demanding, the biggest hurdle to having proactive EMS on-site may be the lack of certified and experienced EMS practitioners. While the addition of an EMS crew is not uncommon, frequently an experienced line practitioner who has been credentialed with a red card and pack tested – just like the firefighters he or she is treating – is not always available.

Challenges also exist with a lack of credentialed medical unit leaders (MEDL) who have completed an S-359 course, which is necessary to manage a wildland fire EMS operation. Also problematic is that type 3 and type 6 wildland engines

are frequently without EMS coverage on the crew, yet they are the most frequently deployed type of fire engine.

Moreover, credentials remain an obstacle and often become

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Bruce Evans, MPA, NREMT-P, is the Fire Chief at the Upper Pine River Fire Protection District in Bayfield, Colorado. Chief Evans is on the NAEMT Board of Directors representing Region 4.

Wildfire Emergency Medical Awards Program Announced

THE NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP'S (NWCG) INCIDENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUBCOMMITTEE (IEMS) has announced the creation of a "Wildfire Emergency Medical Service Awards" program for the 2013 wildland fire season.

The awards program will recognize the outstanding work, actions, and program impact in wildfire emergency medical services across all local, state and federal jurisdictions.

The five award categories include: Outstanding Wildfire EMS Individual; Outstanding Wildfire Squad/Crew/Team; Outstanding Wildfire EMS Distinguished

Service; Excellence in Wildfire EMS/Rescue; and Lifetime Achievement in Wildfire Emergency Medical Service.

The IEMS Awards Committee will review the nominations and select the award recipients. Deadline for nominations will be Nov. 1 and winners for each category will be announced in early 2014. Awardees will be recognized with a plaque and a certificate.

The award criteria, a nomination form and additional information can be found at: www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/rmc/iems/index.html.

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a point of contention with state or county regulators. EMS practitioners are obtained from a national availability list and frequently enter another state's jurisdiction without having the necessary temporary authorization or reciprocity. Many states have refused to use out-of-state crews lacking the proper

authorizations to practice in the area where the fire is located.

What may be needed is the establishment of a national support structure for wildland fire medics similar to the structure used by the Department of Homeland Security to support EMS practitioners working within that agency.

Congratulations to Scholarship Winner

NAEMT congratulates **Raymond Coffey** of Orangeburg, NY, on receiving the most recent \$2,500 Degree Completion Scholarship sponsored by The College Network. Raymond has been a paramedic with the Rockland Paramedic Services in Chestnut Ridge, New York since 1994. Raymond's essay describes his career goals, "It is my intention to pursue a degree in nursing. As a nurse I will have a stronger voice with a stronger backing in regard to EMS as a profession. The education will also enhance my view on the delivery of medicine and will allow me to act as an advocate for those paramedics trying to bridge into nursing."

NAEMT is proud to offer the following scholarship opportunities for individual, active members:

- First Responders (To become EMT-Basic) - up to \$500 each
- EMT-Basic (To become EMT-Paramedic) - up to \$5,000 each
- Paramedics (To advance education in the realm of EMS) - up to \$2,000 each
- Degree completion program offered through The College Network - up to \$2,500 each

The next scholarship application deadline is September 15, 2013. NAEMT members may login to learn more about scholarships at www.naemt.org

Get Involved on a National Level:

Candidates sought for 2013 NAEMT elections

QUALIFIED NAEMT MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RUN FOR OPEN POSITIONS ON THE NAEMT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. One of the major benefits of NAEMT membership is the opportunity to get involved in your professional association and become a leader on a national level. NAEMT encourages YOU to get involved!

Active members who meet the qualifications as outlined in the NAEMT Bylaws can run for office on the Board of Directors in the 2013 elections. Candidacy materials are accepted between July 15 and August 15.

Open positions for the 2013 NAEMT elections are:

Region 1 Director – Covers Northeast U.S.: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Region 2 Director – Covers Southeast U.S., Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands: Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Kentucky and the District of Columbia.

Region 3 Director – Covers Northwest and Midwest U.S.: Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Missouri.

Region 4 Director – Covers Southwest U.S. and U.S. territories in the Pacific: California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Hawaii, Utah, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.

At-Large Director – Represents entire membership.

The NAEMT Board of Directors is responsible for the general management and oversight of the association. NAEMT's Bylaws provide for five officers and 10 directors elected by the active members of the association. Eight of these directors represent members in the region of the U.S. in which they reside, while the other two directors are at-large,

representing all members. Board members serve two-year terms.

The 2013 elections schedule is as follows:

July 15 through August 15 Candidate submissions are accepted for open positions. Candidacy instructions are posted on the NAEMT web site.

July 15 through October 1 Endorsements of candidates by individual members in good standing are accepted. Active members may endorse only one candidate for each open position.

August 15 through September 15 Candidacy and Elections Committee verifies candidates' statements and supporting documents. Candidates are asked to respond to a series of questions, which are posted on the web site.

September 15 through October 28 - Candidates' statements and endorsements are posted on the web site.

October 15 through 28 - Voting is open. Members will be able to vote online for the candidates of their choice.

November - Members are notified of election results.

NAEMT members will receive several communications during the candidacy and election cycle, including an e-mail announcing the posting of candidates' information, the opening of the voting period, voting instructions and a link to log in and vote online. To ensure that you don't miss these important announcements, please login at www.naemt.org to update your member profile and confirm your current e-mail address.

Paper ballots are available upon request. Requests for paper ballots must be made no later than October 1 to allow time for mailing and processing before the election closes. To request a paper ballot, please contact NAEMT by email at elections@naemt.org, or by phone at 1-800-346-2368.

As a member of NAEMT, you decide who leads your association. All active members are encouraged to get involved, and most of all, to VOTE!

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Two free online credits per year and a 10% discount on continuing education courses and subscriptions through CentreLearn. CentreLearn offers a wide variety of EMS courses, and credits can be used toward individual online courses or toward the price of an annual subscription.

Apex Innovations STEMI and ACS education

You receive a **30 percent discount** on the Responder® STEMI Recognition program, a web-based, interactive education and competency program that helps EMS practitioners better recognize and treat STEMI (ST segment

elevation myocardial infarction) and acute coronary syndrome (ACS) according to national guidelines.

NAEMT course education voucher

You receive a non-transferable voucher upon renewing your membership each year. Your voucher is valid for one-time use during your membership year and is **valued up to \$15 toward an industry-leading NAEMT continuing education course**, including AMLS, EPC, EMS Safety, PHTLS and TCCC. All NAEMT courses are accredited by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) and recognized by the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT).

The College Network online college education courses

Take advantage of accessible educational opportunities at reduced cost and exceptional value. You receive \$150 upon enrollment and a 10 percent discount on The College Network learning modules. The College Network partners with several of the nation's foremost institutions of higher learning to provide college degree programs through distance learning to working adults. Learners begin by using The College Network's online Comprehensive Learning Modules (CLMs) to earn college credit for general education and prerequisite courses by passing end-of-course college equivalency exams. Credits earned are then transferred to a partner university, where you can complete your degree online – saving time and money.

Scholarship Opportunities

NAEMT awards \$35,000 per year in scholarships to advance your EMS career or complete your degree. Available scholarships include up to \$500 for First Responders to become an EMT, up to \$5,000 for EMT to become a Paramedic, up to \$2,500 for Paramedics to advance their education in the realm of EMS, and up to \$2,500 for EMS practitioners to complete their degree through The College Network. Application deadlines are June 15 and September 15 for EMS scholarships. The degree completion scholarship deadlines are March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. Visit the Members section of the NAEMT website to login and apply.

You can access all these benefits and more by logging in on the Access Your Benefits page in the Members section of www.naemt.org.