



Sean Davenport

Position Sought: Gulf Coast Region Director

Statement of Candidacy

I'm seeking the position of Gulf Coast Region Director because I believe the future of EMS depends on leaders who listen, collaborate, and build practical solutions to the challenges our profession faces. I started my EMS career in 1990, and ever since, I've stayed committed to advancing prehospital care through education, leadership, innovation, and service. My philosophy has always been simple: when we invest in our people, we improve patient care.

For more than 35 years, I've worked as a paramedic, educator, leader, and advocate. Today, as Clinical Manager for Pinellas County Safety and Emergency Services, I oversee one of the nation's largest county-based EMS education programs, supporting roughly 1,800 EMS clinicians across multiple fire departments and transport agencies. That work spans clinical education, continuing medical education, instructor development, credentialing, quality improvement, and strategic initiatives that strengthen both education and operational readiness. But my goal has never just been to teach courses — it's been to build programs that prepare EMS professionals to deliver exceptional care in every community they serve.

Over the years, I've led organizational change by bringing in new technologies, modernizing educational systems, improving quality assurance processes, and working closely with medical directors, agency leaders, and educators to create solutions that actually hold up over time. I believe the best leaders are the ones who build systems that make other people successful. Whether I'm mentoring a new instructor, developing national curriculum, or leading a system-wide initiative, the goal is the same: create improvements that outlast the project itself and make our profession stronger.

Beyond my local role, I serve as an NAEMT Education Committee member, NAEMT Faculty member, and instructor for several NAEMT programs — including PHTLS, EPC, GEMS, and TECC. I've also helped develop lesson content, scenarios, and course revisions for the TECC and AMLS programs, contributing to educational resources used by EMS professionals nationwide. That work has reinforced something I believe deeply: every EMS system looks a little different, but the challenges we face are remarkably similar — and collaboration is how we move the profession forward together.

If elected, I'll advocate for a stronger EMS workforce through leadership development, instructor support, competency-based education, evidence-based practice, and responsible innovation. NAEMT should keep leading our profession through advocacy, research, and educational excellence, while making sure EMS is recognized as an essential part of the healthcare system. Our job isn't just to prepare clinicians for today's emergencies — it's to anticipate tomorrow's challenges and make sure our profession is ready for them.

I'm not seeking this role just to represent the Gulf Coast Region — I want to serve the entire NAEMT membership. Leadership isn't measured by what we accomplish ourselves, but by the people we develop, the systems we improve, and the profession we leave stronger than we found it. Serving as Gulf Coast Region Director would be my chance to give back to a profession that's given me so much, and to help build an even stronger future for EMS.