

NAEMT Candidacy and Elections Committee

To the Candidacy and Elections Committee:

I am pleased to offer my support for Rommie L. Duckworth's candidacy for another term as Northeast Region Director on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Rom brings to the NAEMT Board an unusually broad perspective on emergency medical services. He is an actively practicing paramedic and currently serves as Fire Chief of the Ridgefield Fire Department in Connecticut, while also contributing nationally as an educator, author, advocate, and EMS leader. His career has included municipal fire and EMS, hospital-based and private EMS, education, clinical quality improvement, and professional association leadership.

More importantly, Rom has demonstrated that he uses those experiences in service of the profession. During his time on the NAEMT Board, he has worked to represent the interests of EMS practitioners across the Northeast while contributing to national initiatives involving education, advocacy, leadership development, trauma care, clinical improvement, and collaboration with other organizations.

One particularly important example is his leadership of NAEMT's Lighthouse Leadership Mentoring Program. Rom has consistently demonstrated a commitment not simply to serving in leadership positions himself, but to developing the next generation of EMS leaders. That willingness to mentor others, build sustainable programs, and create opportunities for people throughout the profession is an important quality in a national board member.

Rom also understands the diversity of EMS. He has worked across career and volunteer systems, fire-based EMS, hospital and private ambulance services, and local, regional, and national organizations. He understands both the challenges facing frontline clinicians and the organizational, workforce, financial, educational, and policy issues confronting EMS leaders.

I believe Rommie Duckworth will continue to be a thoughtful, engaged, and effective representative for the Northeast Region and a strong contributor to the NAEMT Board of Directors. I am pleased to endorse his candidacy for the 2027–2028 term.



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